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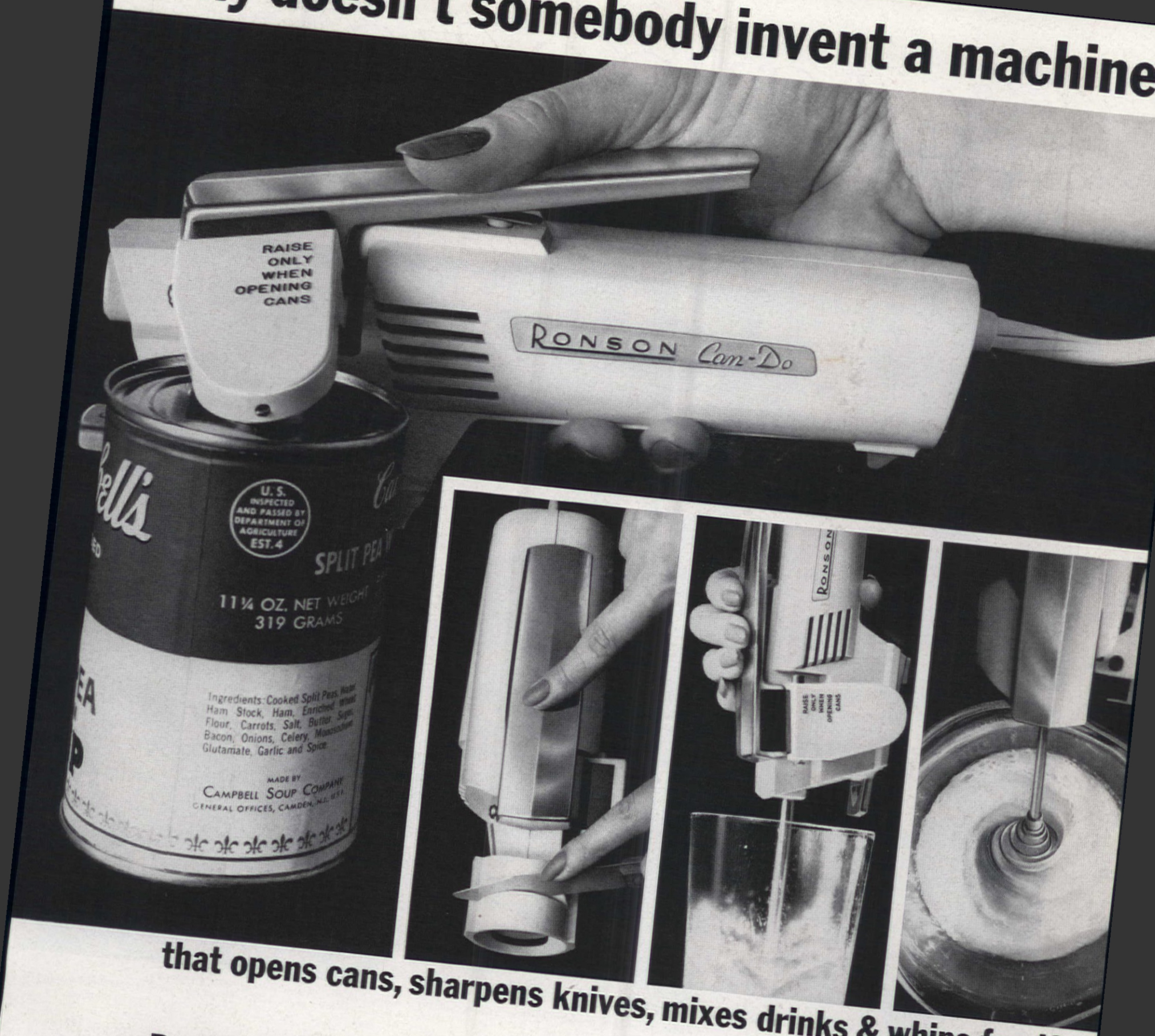
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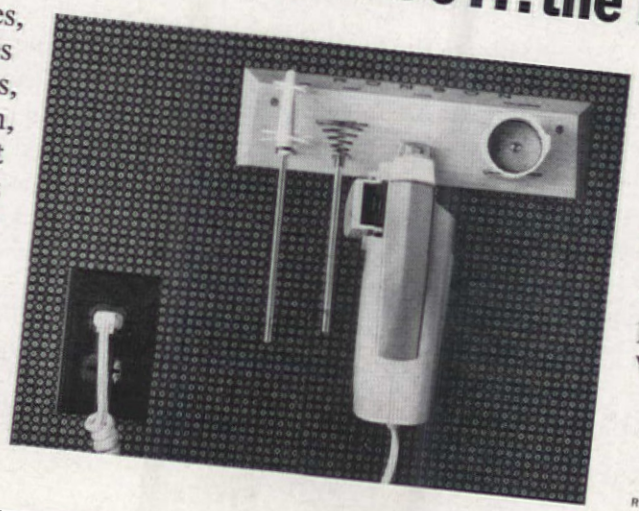
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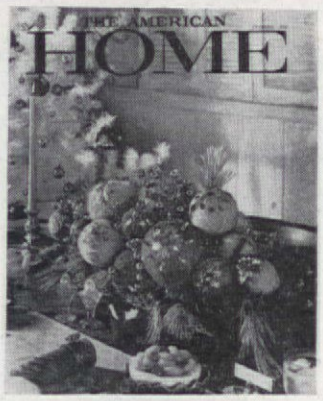
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OUR COVER

Will you be entertaining all through the holidays? Then plan now to set a festive board. You'll find a host of table-setting ideas beginning on page 34. Shown here—the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Oberman, West Los Angeles, Calif. Photographer: George de Gennaro.

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DEAR READER:

Christmas is December. From the very first day of the month our thoughts and much of our energies are devoted to this very special day. There are presents to buy, decorations to put up, and friends and relatives to entertain. And, before you know it, the children are home for their Christmas vacation. One can hardly write anything about December without writing about Christmas and yet what can you possibly say? Everything that one would wish to say about Christmas has been said before and by some of the greatest writers of all times. So rather than ask you to read what we have to say about Christmas we'd like to suggest that you read or re-read what others have said about it.

In this issue, we bring you a Christmas story by Edward Streeter. It's about a contemporary Christmas in a contemporary house and some very contemporary children—yet it still contains all the magic of Christmas Eve. Some evening before the presents are opened we hope you'll sit down with the entire family to read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." This is a joyous story and to watch the delight in a child's eyes as old Scrooge confronts Bob Cratchett at the office the day after Christmas is one of the greatest presents you'll ever receive. The very young ones will want to hear "A Visit From Saint Nicholas" and one or more of them is almost sure to giggle at the phrase ". . . He had a broad face and a little round belly that shook, when he laugh'd, like a bowl full of jelly." One of our favorites for Christmas reading is the chapter in "The Wind in the Willows" where Mr. Mole and Mr. Rat are visited at Christmas time by the little field mice singing Christmas carols. If you've never read this we heartily recommend it. And, most meaningful, you'll want to read from the Bible those passages from Saint Matthew and Saint Luke that tell how the first Christmas came about. And while the small children may close their eyes as you read they will remember and they will understand.

And now as the joyous day approaches, nothing remains to be said except to all of you from all of us at *The American Home*—Merry Christmas!

THE EDITOR

First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Connecticut, adapted from drawings of Christopher Wren.

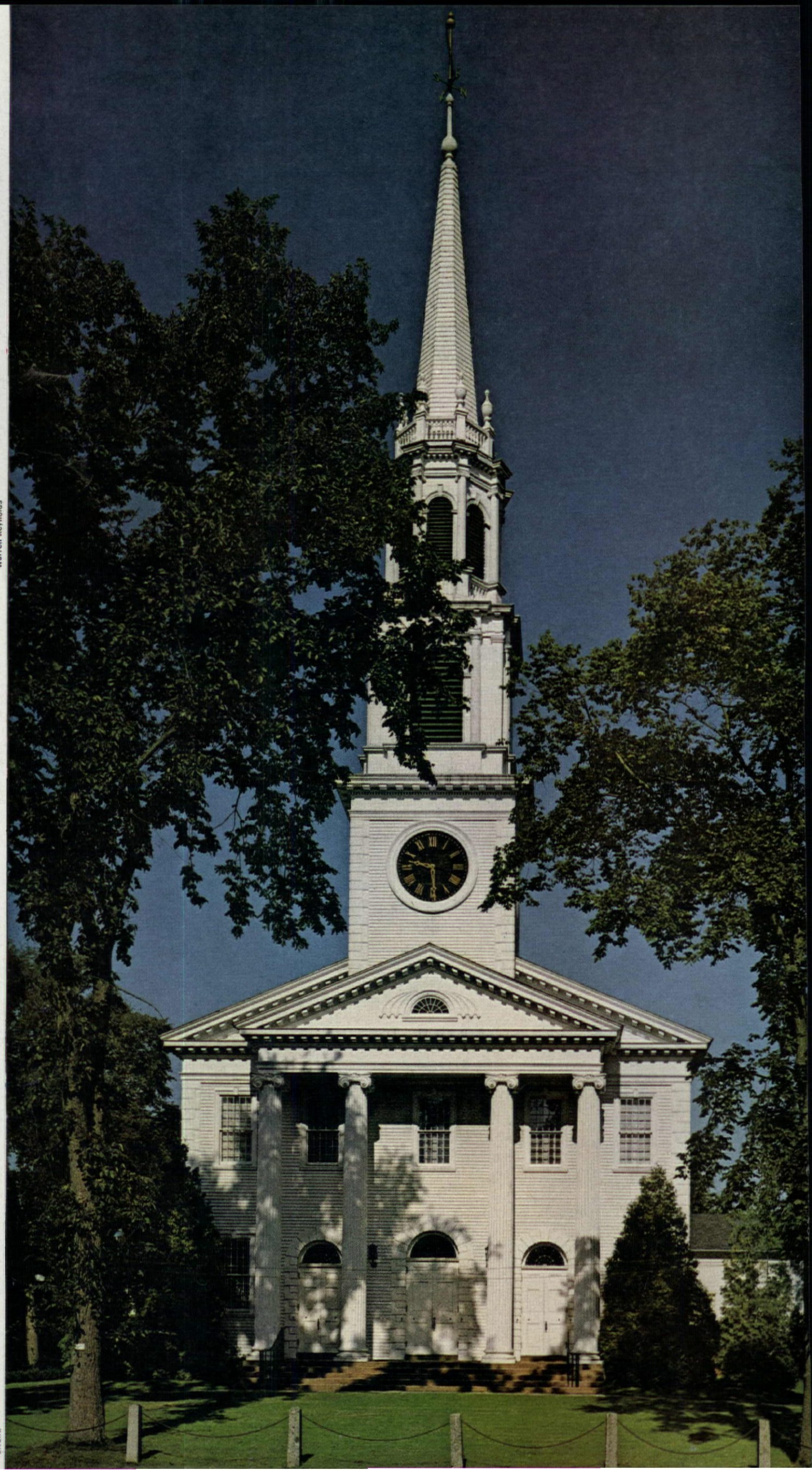
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Chisholm, Minnesota. Architects: Jyring & Whiteman.



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O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

We show you here a sampling of the strikingly beautiful churches that dot our land from coast to coast. Inspiring to look at any time of the year, their architectural designs range from the tranquil beauty of a Christopher Wren to the contemporary appeal of a Frank Lloyd Wright. During this Christmas season, millions of Americans will go to church. In this country, we can be thankful for that most precious of all freedoms, the freedom to worship as we please.

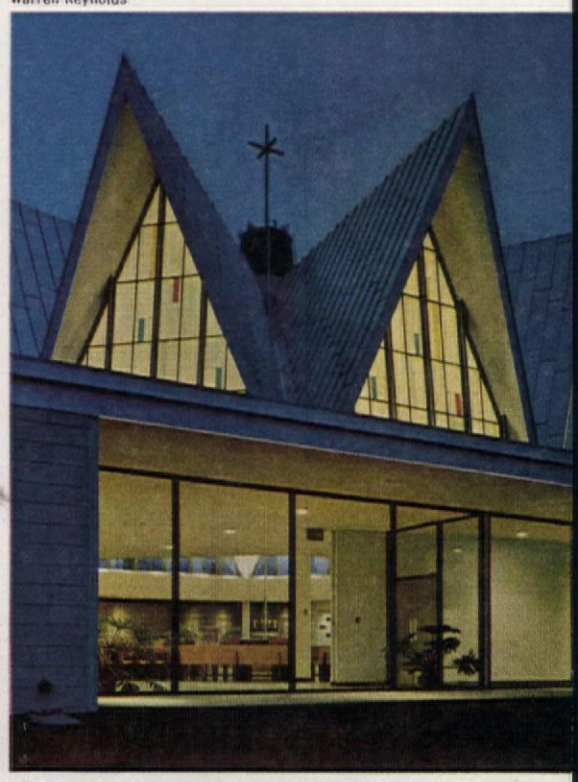


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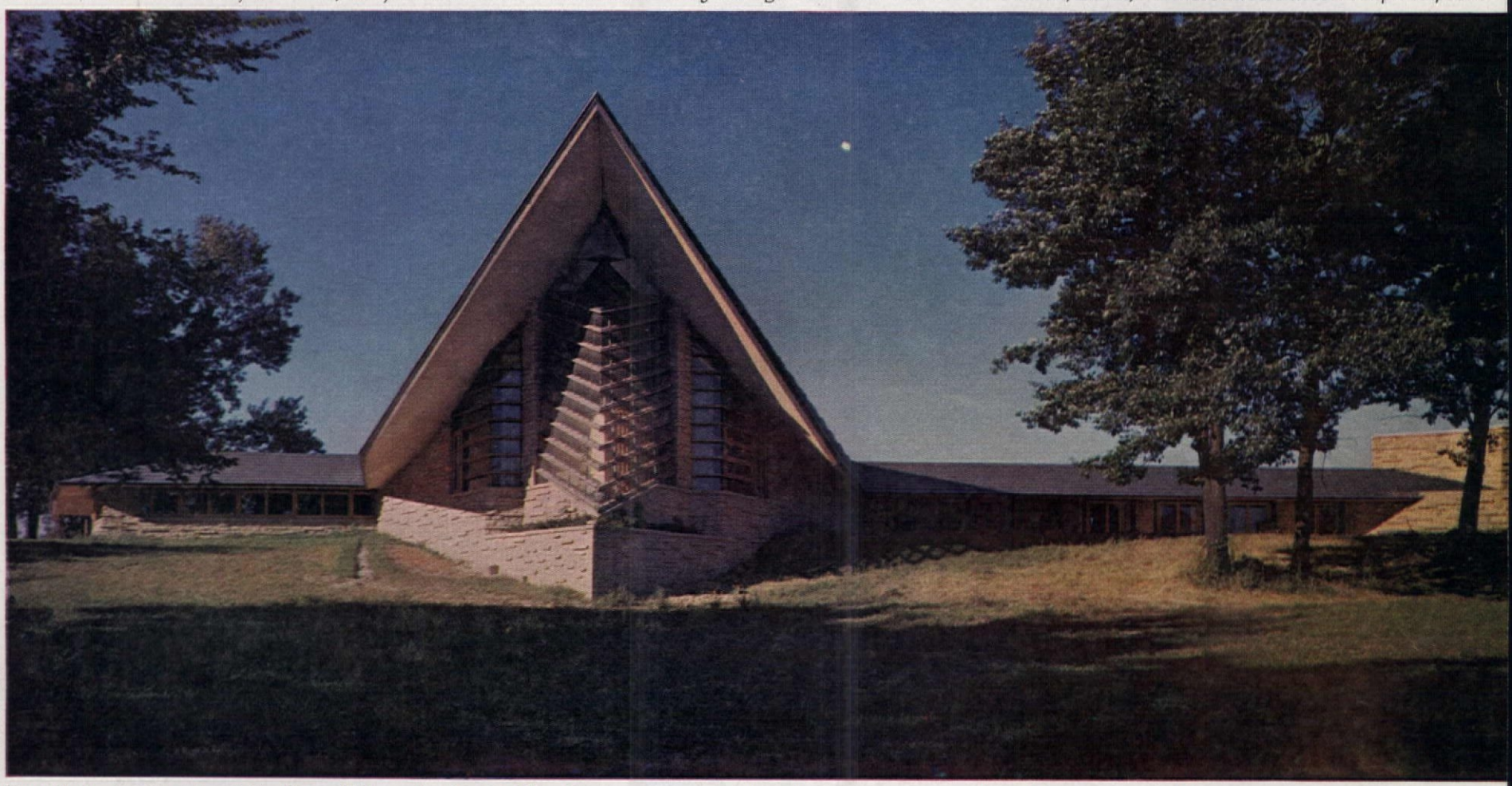


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First Methodist Church of La Verne, California. Architects: Ladd and Kelsey. At right: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edina, Minnesota. Architect: Ralph Rapson.

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First Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin. Inspired by the famous praying hands of Dürer, Frank Lloyd Wright created this church in the attitude of prayer.

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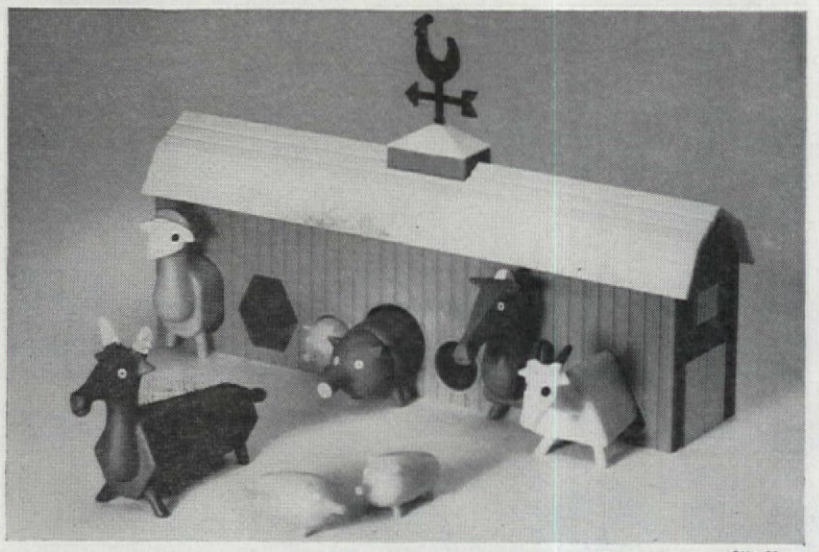




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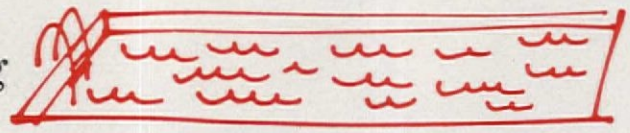
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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR

a gift for the home  is because it's fun! It's oftentimes more fun "had everything"? Houses always need something. And houses aren't confusing, When you buy for the house, you know where you're at. What's more, with a little

And there are lots of sound, hardheaded reasons to buy a gift for the home. It's It's an all-embracing gift—you can cross the whole family off your list in a stroke.

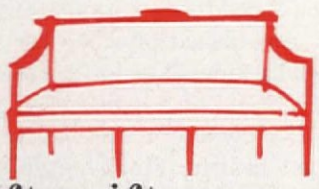
Of course, we're not just talking about household gifts like dishwashers and china  and glassware. They make wonderful gifts, and always have. and differentness in your Christmas giving—give the house something it never thing luxurious or something practical, something elegant or something kooky—it

How about a swimming  pool? If you haven't taking the plunge every year. Why not you? Or if you'll settle for a daily dip under adjust to everything from a gentle, misty spray to a bracing, needlelike torrent. good suggestion. One of the magnificent treelike tropicals would certainly come mower that not only cuts grass  but also plows snow, tills,

Fireplace accessories have always been popular Christmas gifts, but have you Fruit-tree logs can do for your home what perfume does for a woman. (Cherry there is snooty white birch. (You don't order it by the cord but by the foot, that's

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a durable gift—  you can sit around all year admiring your fine taste. It's almost a thrifty gift—you can tell yourself you'd have to buy one later anyhow. garbage disposers, sofas and chairs, clocks and toasters, record players and pianos, And if you have a poetic soul—if you like a dash  of mystery dreamed of possessing. Something knockout. Something unbudgeted for. Some- doesn't matter. The idea is to come up with something that may surprise even you! given it serious thought before, now is the perfect time. Thousands of people are

the  shower, treat the family to a fancy showerhead that you can Green growing plants  (or their man-made counterparts) are a under the heading of a Christmas extravagance. How about a super-powerful power aerates, mulches, trims edges, pumps water, and sprays the trees?

ever thought of buying extra-special logs?  smells fruitier than apple.) And if you really want to be one up in logmanship, how expensive it is—but this is Christmas, remember?) How about *(continued)*

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acoustical tiles for the ceiling . . . handsome new outdoor shutters . . . or plywood panels for the basement? Instead of a cold, impersonal check for new slip covers, why not wrap up 10 or 15 yards of fabric (maybe a little more expensive than you'd usually select)? With the spirit of Christmas upon you, hunt for a really good-looking light fixture to replace the homely "nothing" you've been living with. Have you ever had the fun of shopping for a marvelous mailbox, or a door knocker that would knock the neighbors' eyes out? If your teen-ager's room is stocked with leftovers from the attic and hangovers from the nursery, invest in one piece that really fits his or her way of life. If the nursery is giddily cradlelike, start adding furnishings, one at a time, that baby can grow up with. And how long has it been since you treated the master bed to a luxurious new spread or comforter?

How about prefinished plywood for a remodeling job, or some exceptionally fine slate for a patio? How about cedar paneling for a closet, or a galvanized steel shed for cellar storage of tools? How about a *sauna* for the whole family to steam in and get healthy Finnish style? They come built-in in many contemporary houses.

For any family, but particularly one with growing children, Webster's colossal unabridged dictionary is probably the most perfect present ever invented. The publication of the long-awaited and much-discussed 1961 edition adds a fillip of timeliness to your gift. Add a table to hold it and the gesture is positively princely (you don't have to settle for old, gawky, library-type stands—there are handsome new ones on the market, or how about scouting up an antique lectern?). An electric pencil sharpener is something you probably wouldn't buy every day, but wouldn't you use it every day?

Is there a favorite picture you've been meaning to have framed? Could you use a complete electrical overhauling—with new outlets for the children's study area, for small appliances in the kitchen, or for romantic outdoor lighting come summer? How about a new vinyl floor for the playroom with a shuffleboard court printed on it?

There's a whole new world of elegant bathroom fixtures to bring glamour to the master bath and status to the powder room. There are all sorts of new window shades to take the place of your tired old shades or Venetian blinds. Rug-shopping gets more exciting every day with the growing emphasis on area rugs. Roaming through the beautiful hand-loomed works of art available today is like meandering through an art gallery. Do you have to run from cellar to attic to find a suitable container when fresh flowers come to the house? Christmas is a good time to invest in a real gem of a vase. Or give the house a beautiful, professional arrangement of artificial flowers that will last all year. (Splurge on expensive blossoms that are really indistinguishable from real ones.) How about giving a closet a whole new wardrobe of delightful matching accessories?

With Thanksgiving just behind you and Christmas dinner looming, do you own a platter worthy of the noble bird—one that can accommodate 25 pounds of turkey with ease and grace? You may not use it often, but oftener than Christmas ornaments at least. As a rest during January, the exhausted month, why not give the family a fancy catered meal cooked in your own kitchen and served in your own home by an expert? For that matter, why not spend a delirious hour in the fancy foods department and stock the pantry with a year's supply of gourmet delicacies? And is there any better time to invest in a supply of fine wines and liquors—not for next week's party or holiday gifts but as the nucleus of a well-rounded wine cellar in your own home?

Most of the suggestions here are gifts for your own home, because nobody knows your home better than you—what it needs, what it craves, what would make it happier this Christmas than ever before. But if you want to make somebody else's home happier, that's all right too. Christmas shopping for the house, whosever it is, is still more sensible, more fun, less complicated than any other kind! THE END



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The Language of Flowers



For the young in heart, the sentimentalist, the lover, flowers are a form of expression with endless possibilities—a language as old as antiquity itself. Here are a few anecdotes from the past and ways you can use flowers today as "words" to express your personal or secret sentiments.

MARY K. MOULTON

There is no woman living in this modern age who would not faint if a knight in armor charged up to the front door and presented a nosegay on the tip of his sword! If such a messenger should turn up at Dad's office with a loving cup of red roses on the day he was made the president of the company I am sure he might faint, also! There being no possibility of such chivalrous splendor, just what can a person do to revive some of the force and charm of the language of flowers?

Flower language is over two thousand years old, at least. It is partially of classic origin—having had a place in the festivals, games, and public affairs of the Greeks and Romans. Fairies and witches turn up along the trail when you start investigating, and so does mythology.

In the days of chivalry, floral symbolism played an important part. Great knights as well as famous ladies used flowers as emblems. They appear on coats of arms. England still keeps the rose as its symbol, Scotland its thistle, and Ireland the ever familiar shamrock. The Congress of our United States is now besieged and undecided over an official, national flower. Last I heard, the rose forces were still battling and there are some who hope for the corn tassel as a more truly symbolic flower (and that it is, albeit a more primitive one without petals!).

It takes a bit of digging to discover the language of flowers, but it is rewarding, since it adds dimensions to the meaning of any token when it is accompanied by flowers or a plant. If one were to research the history of the formalized use of the language of flowers, he would discover that it was popularized and brought into general use on the continent, in England, and eventually in this country by Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, the wife of a British ambassador to Constantinople. This phase of Lady Mary's life was brief but long enough to make her completely fascinated by the customs of communication in Turkey. As the result of her famous letters, the use of this florigraphy, as we might call it, became popular. A charming account of its Turkish background appears in a tiny book printed in 1855, called "The Lady's Almanac," an American publication. One finds: "The language of flowers was doubtless known to the ancients, and it would appear that the Greeks understood the art of communicating a secret message through the medium of a bouquet; at all events, garlands were conspicuous among the emblematic devices of antiquity.

"Flowers, the emblems and favorites of the fair, are not everywhere prized merely for their beauty and their perfume; invention has created from them symbolic phrases for expressing the secret sentiments of the heart. This language is most generally used by the Turkish and Greek women in the Levant, and by the African ladies on the coast of Barbary. A nosegay, or garland of flowers, ingeniously selected and put together for the purpose of communicating in secret and expressive language the sentiments of the heart, is in the East called a salaam (salutation). It often happens that a female slave corresponds with her lover merely by the various arrangements of flowerpots in a garden. Written love letters would often be inadequate to convey an idea of the feelings which are expressed through the medium of flowers. Thus orange blossoms signify hope; marigolds, despair; sunflowers, constancy; roses, beauty."

Nowhere else do all these meanings get quoted just so, with the exception of roses and marigolds. In Mexico this marigold tradition, I am told, persists. In my own lexicon, I could not retain an unpleasant meaning for our small-flowered marigolds. It also is noticed that "hope" flowers are interchangeable with "marriage" flowers—as it should be!

Fortunately none of us is living behind a wall or a veil today, but at times there is a wall of shyness or a veil of difficulty when one attempts to write. At such times this "language" is most appropriate. It is effective for the most serious of occasions as well as suited to merriment and light-hearted purposes.

If you would like to propose marriage, for example, you might send this combination of flowers to the young lady of your choice: linden (best if in bloom) and ivy, plus red roses, bachelor buttons, and if possible, some chervil. What you are saying is, "Will you marry me? I love you and do not relish single wretchedness."

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LET'S TAKE AN OLD-FASHIONED WALK

I like to walk. Especially in the winter when the air tingles like ice cubes and snowflakes dance on your eyelashes and the world is as crisp as a clean new sheet. Walking is wonderful. But chances are I'll get my tingles and snowflakes through a wrap-around windshield this winter as usual. Because where we live, in a nice northern suburb of New York City, walking is as extinct as flypaper. Walking in the suburbs is social harakiri. If you want to be snickered at by the neighbors and snubbed by the PTA, just go out and take a walk. Or try to. Actually, you won't get very far. Somebody you know, or somebody you don't, will drive up and insist upon giving you a ride. Nobody believes you're walking because you want to. In Suburbia, dire necessity is the only thinkable mother of ambulation. Everyone assumes that your car's in a ditch, or at least sitting home with a sick battery. If you want to see suburban chivalry in full flower, just try to walk to the corner letter box. Ten red plaid stamps you don't make it.

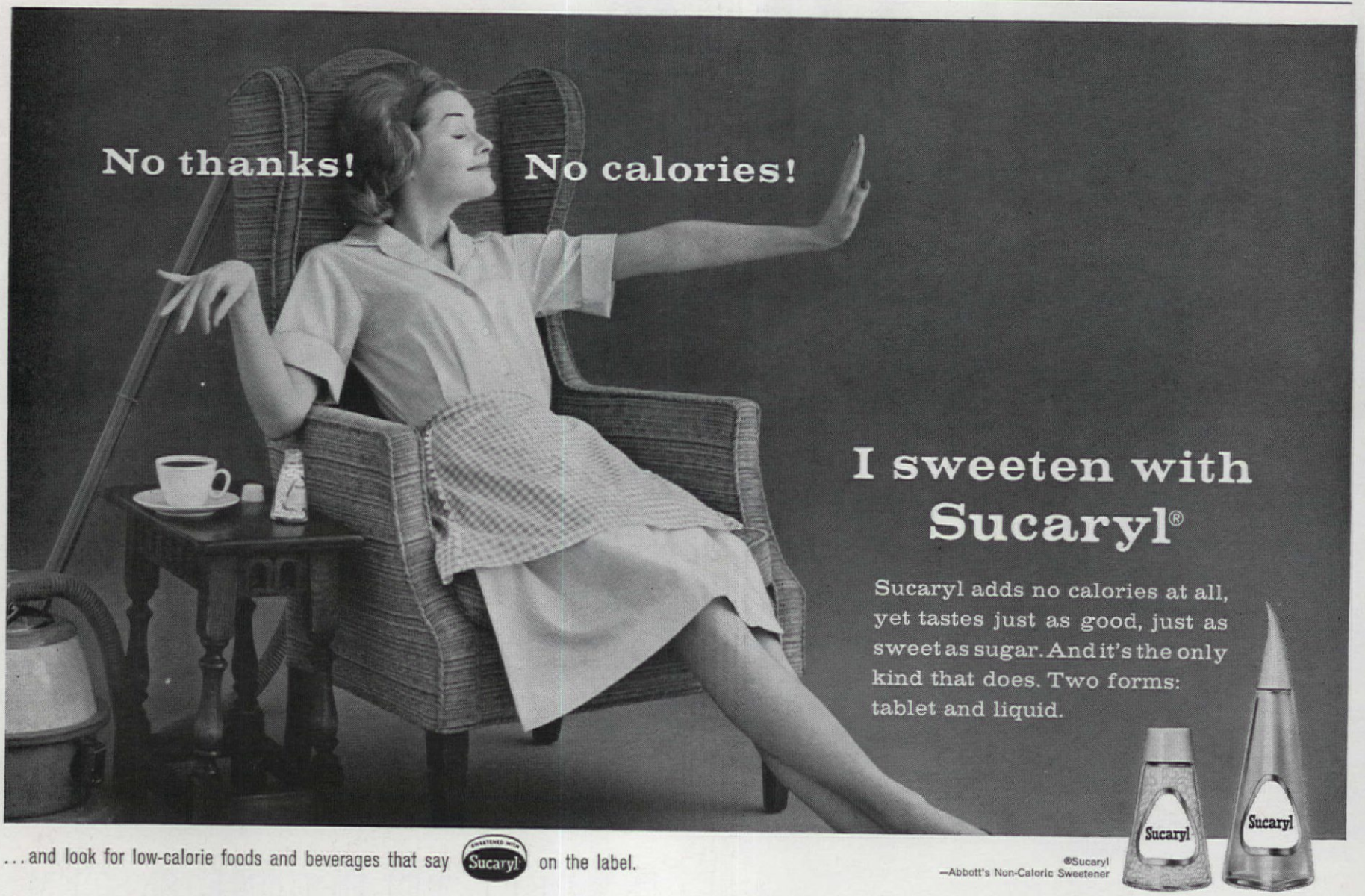
Don't misunderstand me. I'm not a dyed-in-the-wool, pink-in-the-cheek cross-country hiker. The only sustained walking I've ever done was in college (where girls weren't allowed to ride in cars). I'm not Dr. Paul Dudley White, the famous heart specialist and consultant to General Eisenhower, who fervently recommends a five-mile walk over all the medicine and philosophy in the world. I'm not Commander Thomas J. Keane, the delightful peripatetic who has covered every block of Manhattan on foot. I'm not Harry S. Truman or Maurice Chevalier or Thomas Wolfe—not Rousseau or Thoreau or Cicero, or any of the noted walkers of the past and present. I'm not worried about my health or my weight or the price of gasoline. I don't have anything against General Motors or Ford Motor Company. In other words, I haven't got a "thing" about walking. In most respects, I'm a normal, sedentary, noneccentric, unremarkable suburbanite. It's just that, every once in a while, I feel like taking a walk. And it makes me mad as Ophelia that I can't.

I'm exaggerating, of course. Even in the suburbs, there are times when you can walk without lifts from cars or eyebrows. You can walk on Sundays. You can walk on the first day of spring, and, yes, after the very first snow. You can *always* walk if there's a leash in your hand and a dog at the other end. You can walk if you're a commuter, and look as if you'd left a Thunderbird in the garage. But if you're young and female and unattached to a baby stroller, walking is dangerously bizarre behavior. I've researched it, casually, and I know. If you're walking just for fun, you feel like a fool. If you're walking to get someplace, you feel like two kinds of a fool, and pathetic besides. Why, even on a "Mother's March" for dimes, nobody walks. You hop into your car and go crawling down the street like a turtle with hiccups.

If ordinary walking is inviting the head shrinker, walking in the rain is psychotic. I like to walk in the rain. It feels good, tastes good, and costs a lot less than a facial at Elizabeth Arden. I walk in the rain the same way you're supposed to walk any other time—head up, shoulders back, and toes straight ahead. You don't stay any drier scuttling along like a silverfish, so why not see where you're going? But I'm fond of my children and don't want them to miss out on parties, so I drive to the other side of town for rain-walking.

Children, of course, can walk. In fact, it's becoming increasingly status-y to toss small children out into the cold, armed with boots, mufflers, and homilies about Abe Lincoln. The littlest kindergartners in our neighborhood trudged ten country blocks to school. It may be that a lot of mothers are finally fed up with chauffeuring, having read so many articles telling them they're fed up. Or it may be President Kennedy's doing. The President makes no bones about every American's responsibility for his own physical fitness and that of his children—and it's so much easier to start with the children.

In any event, I'm glad my children can walk without fear of being snooted at the drinking fountain. I don't want a shiny, shatter-resistant windshield between them and the world. It's more than a question of exercise. Walking is living—seeing, smelling, hearing, feeling the world close-up. How can you catch a falling acorn or find a jack-in-the-pulpit from a car? How can you count the shades of green in the spring at 35 miles per hour? Little boys used to come home at the end of the day with pockets bulging with treasures. It seems to me that pockets on boys' trousers are getting smaller and harder to get into. And why not? How many snails and puppydogs' tails, bottle caps, and hanks of rope can you collect in the back seat of a station wagon?



If little boys don't need pockets any more, neither do their mothers need pocketbooks. Suburban shoppers don't carry anything bigger than a slim clutch purse. They don't need to pack for the day—the longest journey they'll make on foot is from car door to shop door. If there isn't a parking space smack dab in front of the shoemaker's, they'll circle the block till there is—or go to the cleaners, instead. It's one thing to travel 20 miles by train to window-shop on Fifth Avenue. It's part of the fun of vacationing in a strange town to peer in every hardware store and fish store on Main Street. But suburbanites would sooner be caught in their morning twist lesson than strolling down their own village street.

Modern shopping centers and drive-in banks and dry cleaners have hastened the obsolescence of walking. They're as eager as Hertz to sweep us off our feet and keep us forever in the driver's seat. A recent proposal for a lovely, leafy, landscaped shopping center won cries of indignation from women shoppers. The extra trees and flowers weren't worth the extra steps they'd have to take.

I'm sure many housewives are down on walking because, after all, they clock umpteen miles a day about the house. But indoor walking isn't the same as outdoor walking. You can't really stride out between the pantry and the breakfast nook. And walking behind a vacuum cleaner isn't conducive to deep thinking. Walking, you know, is wonderful for thinking. Dr. Harry J. Johnson, president of the Life Extension Foundation, says, "Walking is an exercise in intellectual development. When you are out walking, you have no choice but to think. I won't guarantee that you will think your way into a fortune, but can you put your hands on a better way to pile up the most priceless treasure in the world—good health?" Writers, poets, painters, and scientists find inspiration while walking. Why not suburban housewives? It's terrible to think that Philip Wylie may be right and "much of modern American people's meditation takes place while waiting for the light to turn green."

Aimless walking is the best kind. If you've ever gone for a walk down the beach, you know how hypnotic walking without a destination can be. You keep walking and walking, because there's no special place to turn around. By the time you decide you've gone far enough, you can scarcely drag your heels and shells and smallfry back to the umbrella.

Children like to know where they're going, though. Not long ago, I took a clump of them walking in the woods. Our "woods" is 840 acres of prescribed, pathed, lion-less territory. But it's pretty wild for Westchester, and woolly enough so that we got "lost." We had a choice of forging ahead into the unknown (the quickest way, I was sure) or retracing our steps the safe, sure, laborious way. To a child, they voted for turning back.

The more I think about it, the more unfortunate it seems that walking is out of fashion. Maybe walking is too healthy, like spinach, to be popular. Anything that keeps your muscles in tone, aids your respiration, digestion, and circulation must perforce be unpleasant. Or maybe it's too easy, and readily available. People would rather work out at a fancy, expensive gym. Or maybe it's too much trouble. During the bus strike in Manhattan last spring, many people were forced to get out and walk. I was intrigued by the comment of one former bus rider who said that walking was healthier, cheaper, and took exactly the same length of time. "You know," he added, "I'd keep it up even after the strike—if only it weren't so much trouble." What on earth did he mean? Is putting one foot ahead of another more trouble than standing at a bus stop, fishing for change, jostling for a seat, and jogging through busy city traffic? I don't know.

I do know that, as things stand, walking in the suburbs is still a lot of trouble for me. But now that we have the poets, painters, doctors, scientists, and the President of the United States on our side maybe the neighbors will stop staring!

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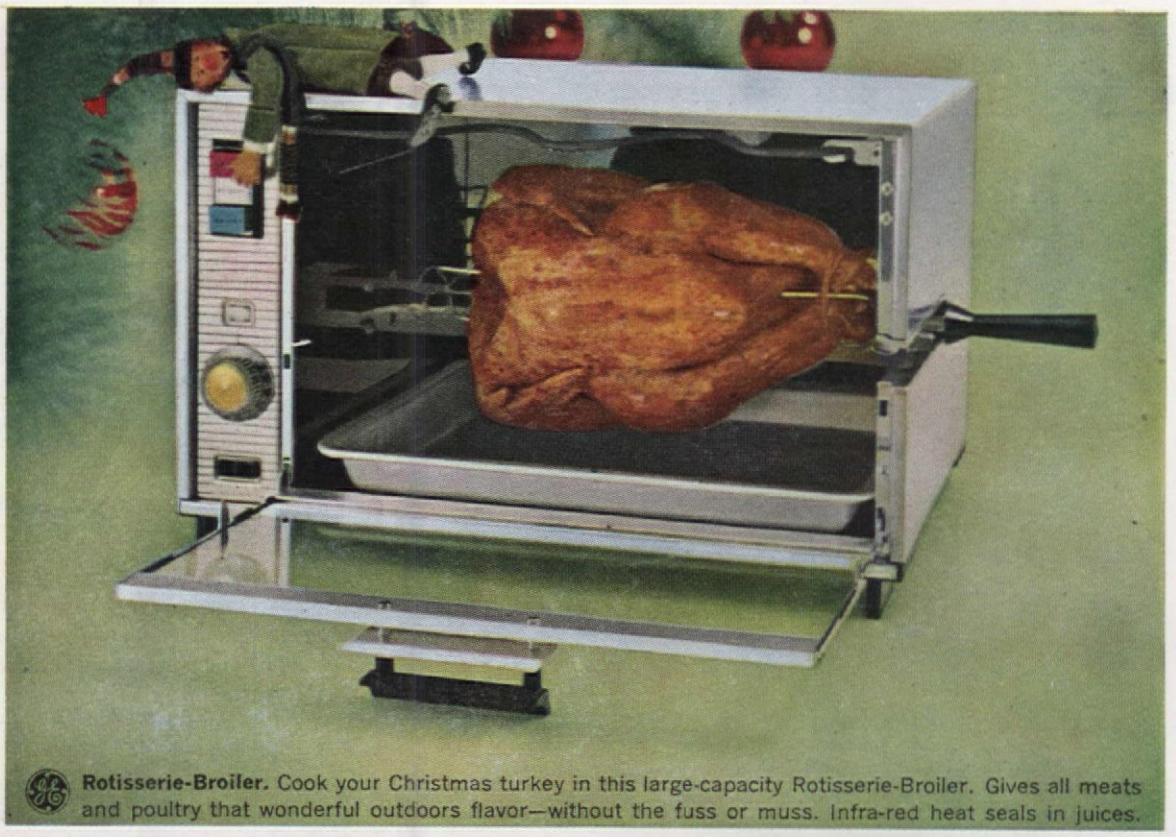
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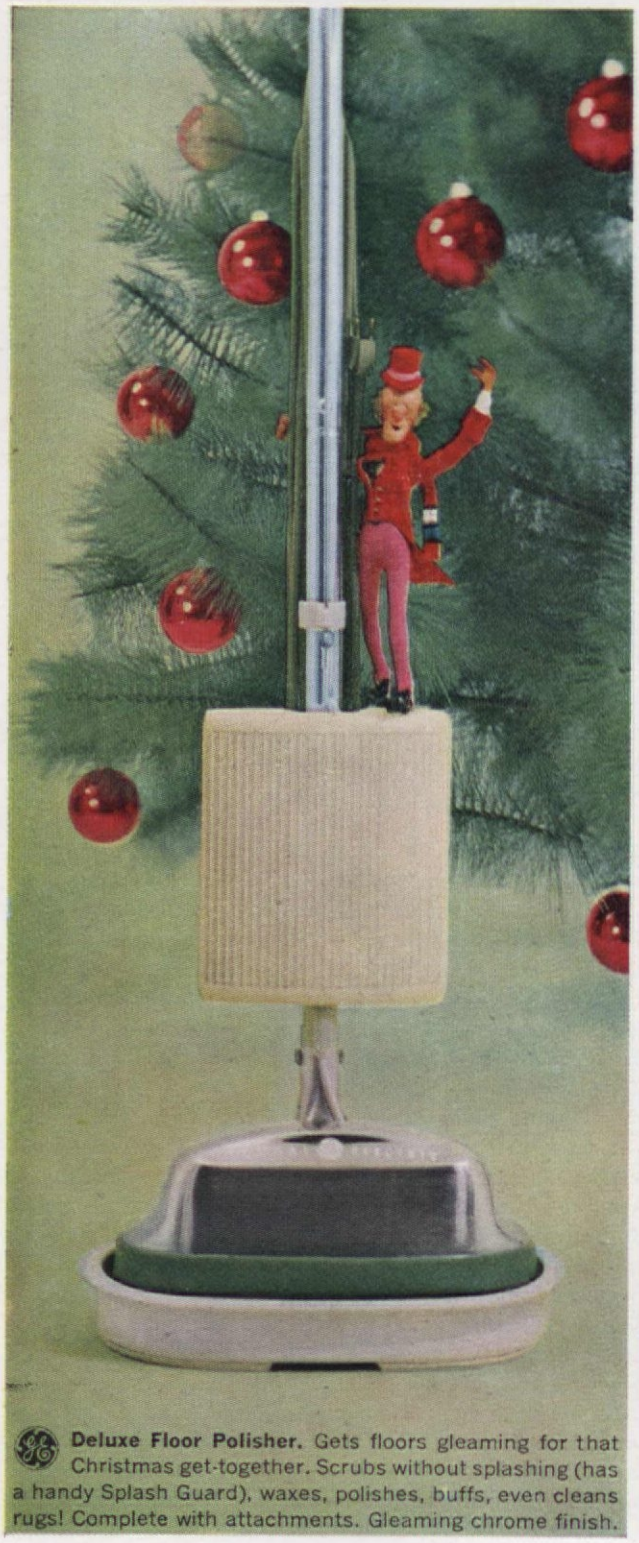
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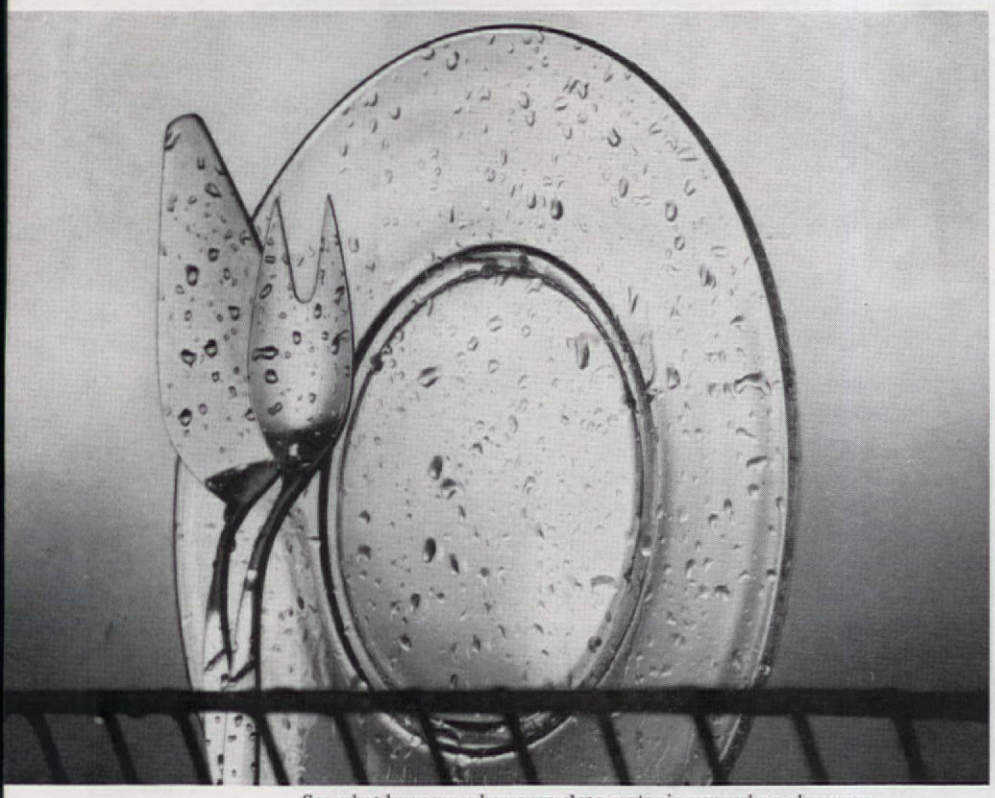
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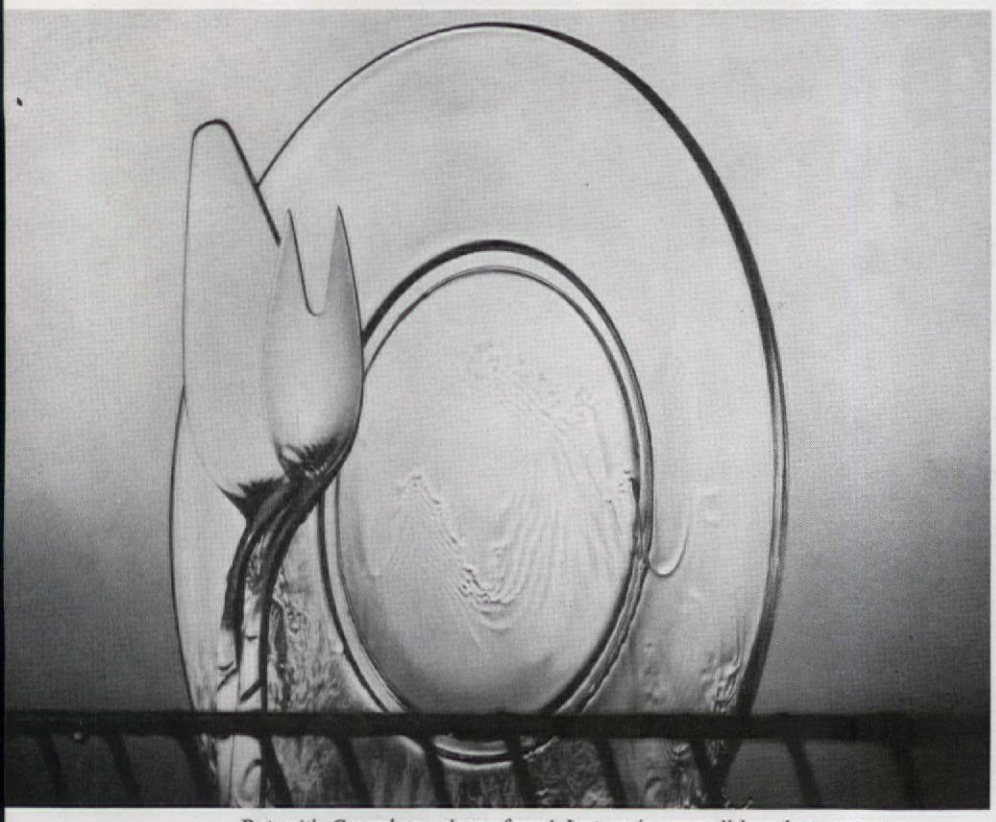
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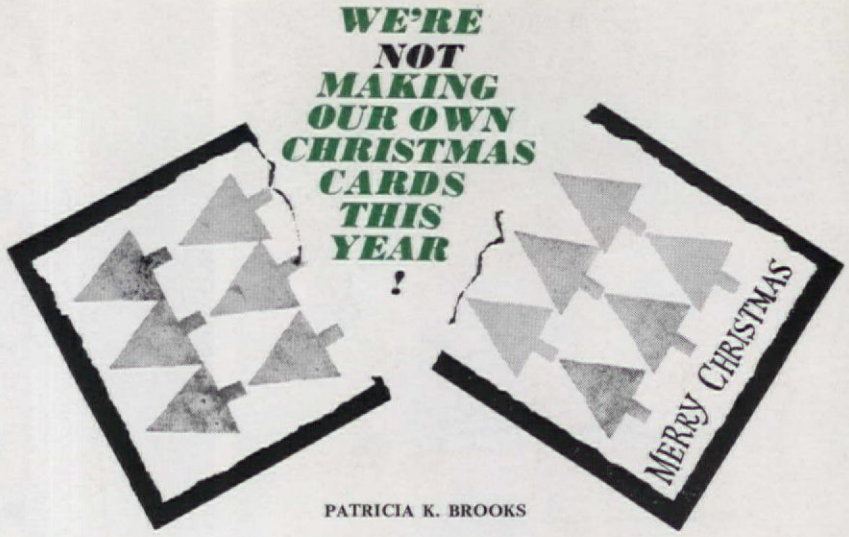
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PATRICIA K. BROOKS

To be quite frank, we are not making our own Christmas cards this season—because of what happened the last three years when we did.

Maybe it's the let's-do-it-ourselves urge that overtakes people when they get settled in their first home. In any case, our first suburban Christmas we decided to delight our friends with our own handcrafted cards. We thought making our own cards would be creative, economical, and more meaningful. We were partly right. It *is* creative all right. And it costs only half again as much as buying ready-made, store-printed cards. Meaningful? We soon learned just how meaningful it was.

First we made a design. We agreed on a simple card with a dark green background and blue, white, yellow, and black stars sprinkled over it. We then bought a small silk-screen printing set, paper, envelopes, and the necessary inks. After cutting a stencil and two hundred pieces of paper for the names on our card list, we began printing the first color, a brilliant chrome yellow.

It was a drizzly Sunday early in December, and by the end of the afternoon we had run out of space to dry the cards. As an expedient measure, we dragged our collapsible, wooden clothes-drying rack from the cellar to the living room, strung rope from the corners of the room, and hung the cards up to dry. The room looked like a playing-card factory after a hurricane.

We finished at nine P.M. and were sitting down, exhausted, to an impromptu banquet of tomato soup and bologna sandwiches. Suddenly there was a shriek and crash in the living room. We rushed, flicked on the lights and found our neighbors sitting in the midst of our Christmas cards. Gordon was waltzing grimly with our drying rack, trying unsuccessfully to keep it from total collapse. His wife Alice sat on the floor, enmeshed in rope, dazedly pulling wet cards off her red wool dress. We didn't have to look too closely to see they didn't think much of our cards. That was the last time they dropped in for a surprise visit.

After cleaning up the house—the yellow spots on the rug and chairs became permanent elements in our décor—we decided to send out only 175 cards. The rest were a little too smudged for even our most Bohemian friends. By December 14th, the yellow ink was still gummy, but we went ahead with the blue printing anyhow. The fresh blue on the tacky yellow produced sludge green, and we ended up with green on green. It made a subtle design for a non-objective art lover, but most of our friends had too much objectivity—we learned later.

The blue ink was still sticky on the 24th, so we decided to omit the other two colors and mail the cards, no matter what. By skipping dinner that night, we got them in the mail before midnight.

It was what happened afterward that first dampened our enthusiasm. For weeks we didn't hear from a soul, except three friends who wrote, almost by return mail:

1. "I got your THING. Do you know that green chemical on it eats through gloves?"

2. "Are you all right? We wonder if you have been overdoing lately . . ."

3. "What is that swatch you sent? Are you going into the necktie business?"

By the time our second Christmas rolled around, we had nursed our relationship with friends more or less back to normal. Abandoning all attempts at "artiness," we designed a simple snow scene in one color with quick-drying ink. To liven it up, we printed "Merry Christmas" on it in several languages. French, German, Spanish, and Italian were easy. Then we called a Norwegian friend to get the phrase in his language. The printing was a snap, the cards dried overnight, and we had them in the mail by December 16th. Of course we didn't have as many to send, as our list had shrunk a bit since the previous year.

We sat back triumphantly. The cards looked neat and nice. The lettering was clear. Too clear, I guess, for we soon began receiving cards back with the Norwegian phrase circled and comments like "And the same to you, double," scrawled underneath.

It is amazing how many people read Norwegian. Almost half our friends found out one way or another that the greeting meant, as best it can be stated in a journal that goes through the mails, (continued on page 66)



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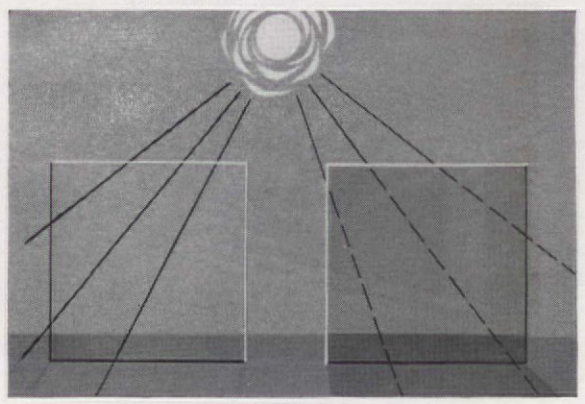
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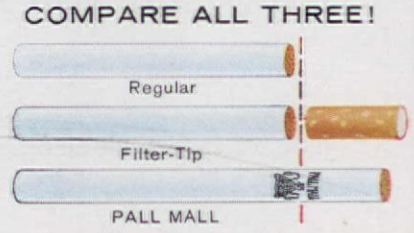


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'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

We had just moved into our new house; everything modern from baseboard heating to a kitchen that looked like the interior of an atomic submarine. Now we sat in our functional living room, surrounded by brick and pine and glass and feeling somewhat dazed and out of place.

"There's one thing I do *insist on," said Jane. "We're going to have an old-fashioned Christmas. You know—a big tree, stockings—the works. Christmas is* one *thing that doesn't go modern."*

"Where are we going to hang the stockings?" I asked. "We have no fireplace."

"Oh, I'll rig up something."

"We might hang them on the new electric vacuum furnace," I suggested, trying to introduce a light note.

"Please don't be funny, darling. Phoebe's just the age when Santa Claus is real and I want to keep it that way as long as we can. It's not going to be too easy this year with the boys gone space-minded, but they can just keep their little pseudo-scientific traps shut."

Peter is ten and considers himself an authority on all matters astronautical. Jane said he's living in a state of mental orbit. His younger brother, Michael, is only eight and I suspect that he would prefer to share Phoebe's more romantic outlook, but he regards Peter as second only to John Glenn and is doing his best to break into the group.

It seemed to me that the problem of putting on an old-fashioned Christmas under these conditions might *(continued on page 60)*

DECORATE THE HOUSE WITH **FUN AND FANCY**

Dressing up the house for Christmas is one of life's pleasantest chores. Like fluffing up your little girl for her first birthday party or helping your daughter into her wedding finery. It's especially fun because it's one of the few things you don't have to do. It's perfectly respectable to celebrate Christmas with just a tree on the floor, a wreath on the door, and a merry sprig of mistletoe. But who can resist sprinkling Christmas glitter all over the house? There are so many beautiful decorations to make or buy! There are so many more leisurely hours for house-trimming than for tree-trimming! Here are eight pages of sparkling, imaginative ideas for your doorway, mantel, windows, foyer, table tops. Any one might become a cherished tradition to be lovingly tucked away until the next joyous Christmas season. (continued)



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HAND-CARVED WOODEN ANGELS welcome guests at the door. Halo is antique gold picture frame (or use crumpled foil). Cedar boughs add fresh touch of green. Gold-sprayed wreaths encircle angels on carved sconces.

LOOPS OF PRINCESS PINE outline a gay scarlet Christmas tree on Mrs. George Rehill's dramatic double doorway in Darien, Connecticut. Gold tinsel forms a Star of Bethlehem on top. Welcome mat is decorated to match, and golden balls gleam in stone urns. How-to's on page 58.





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Sour Prints



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Designer: Pine Cleaner Center

FRUIT-BASKET WREATH, far left, has a shallow basket for a center. Peach, prune, and cherry pits are embedded and glued to a Styrofoam circle and mounted on basket. Outside is cedar wreath.

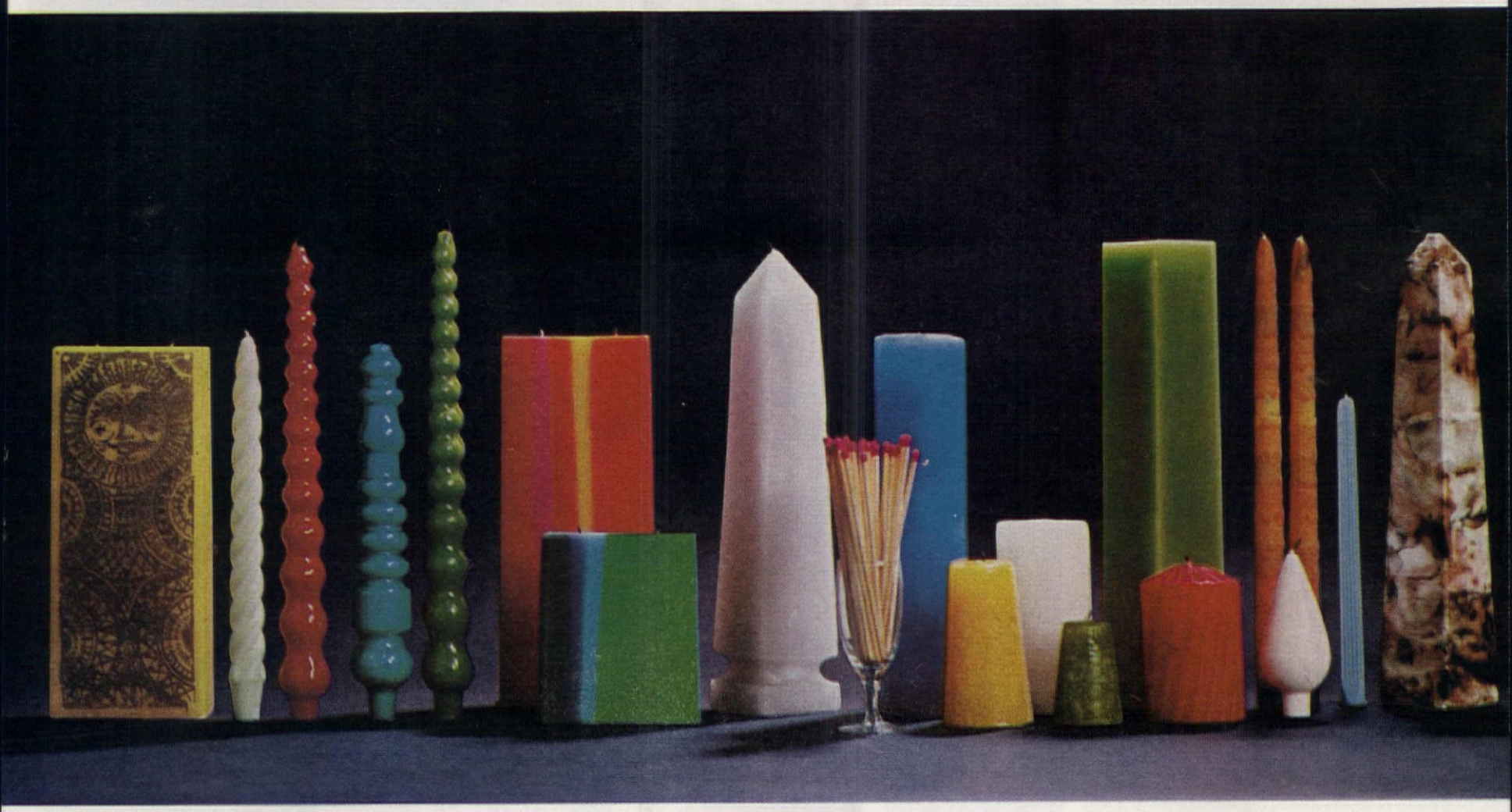
UNIQUE TREE ORNAMENTS make good gifts to buy for a collector. Bejeweled gold Gondolette is a treated egg shell. Gold Top-a-Tree finial consists of glittered burrs, foil wire, and sparkling "jewels."

SNAP WRAP boxes pop into shape; need no tape or string. Sets are in assortments of three. Choose a Christmas angel, Santa, or a reindeer for a girl; cowboy and toy soldier are for boys. Other boxes are available. Tissue and gift tags come in each set.

KISSING RING of evergreens, above, is suspended in the hall of the historical Adam Thoroughgood house in Virginia. Such rings usually contained a symbol of the Nativity.

CHRISTMAS CARD HOLDER made from a place mat is easy to do and decorative. Fold one end of mat a third of the way up and stitch the sides to form a pocket. Trim with greens and pine cones.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES come in every shape and color to light your holiday home. Identified on page 58.



ORNAMENTAL ORGAN glows softly in a corner. Della Robbia candlesticks wreathed with cedar flank a small chord organ set on an antique double washstand. Above it hangs a lovely Madonna and Child. Picture was cut from a magazine and mounted on cardboard with a wreath of talisman-colored ribbon and pine cones. It's wired into a star-shaped straw basket. Garland is lavished with a winter harvest of pine cones, acorns, dried artichokes, almonds, wild cucumber seed pods, and euonymus berries—glued to a Styrofoam form. Ribbonlike seed pods at each end are from catalpa tree. Greens are cedar and white pine.

SANTA MANTEL, opposite page, gives the place of honor to a hand-carved head of butternut wood topped with a rakish velvet cap. The trees are pine board jigsawed out, then scratch carved and tinted. They sit in crackle pottery containers with little china bells jingling from their branches. Ribbon wreaths hang at a merry angle overhead. A luxurious bank of pine and cones stretches across the mantel. Cones of assorted sizes, shapes, and colors are wired to a board to keep the arrangement in place and make it easier to store and use again. Sprigs of pine trim the hand-carved panels displayed against the brickwork. Both the fireplace [and organ are in the Nahant, Massachusetts, home of wood-sculptor and carver Carl A. Goddard and his designer wife, known professionally as Helen Snow Wilson.

MINIATURE BOXWOOD TREE sits in a ruby hand-blown glass container with pedestal base. Shape a cone out of a piece of water-soaked Oasis and place in container. Use 1½ pounds of freshly cut boxwood soaked overnight and insert branches into the Oasis. Snip to shape. Trim the tree with red velvet shoestring bows, using milliner's velvet tubing. Secure with wire, and attach to the boxwood. For mantel make half a tree.

ESPALIER TREE utilizes a wrought-iron candelabra as frame. You could also fashion one out of wire and insert in a pot of sand. Cover the frame with artificial holly, held in place with wire. Use twist-type candles with the candelabra. Place tiny ornaments in each cluster of holly and a bow at base.



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Designer: Herb Mitchell Photographer: Tom Schwartz





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SWAGS OF HOLLY to deck your holiday tablecloth. Leaves are cut out of green felt, glued to a scallop cut from the same material. Glue one row facing up from center of scallop, another facing down. Pin swag to cloth. Add clusters of red berries and green velvet bows and streamers. Tack at corners of table. Silver is wrapped in napkins held with café curtain clips trimmed with holly and bells. Tiny wreaths of real greens make bobêches for candles. Two compotes and a parfait glass hold the centerpiece of flowers and fruit which are secured with floral clay, picks, and wire.

SHINY RED APPLES gleam on a beautiful Christmas mantel. The wicker cornucopia is covered with tiny bits of cypress (glued on) and rimmed with holly leaves. Cascading apples are held in place with floral clay and toothpicks. Clusters of apples glisten in a swag of plumed cypress. Even accessories on this charming hearth get a trimming—holly tops an old lantern, velvet ribbon swathes an old copper coach horn. Dangling from the ceiling is the prettiest decoration of all—a pair of hanging flower baskets heaped with shimmering Christmas balls. The wire frames are tightly wound with velvet ribbon rimmed with cypress. Tiny beautifully wrapped gifts wait for guests.

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STERLING SILVER GIFTS FOR GOOD-AS-GOLD CHILDREN

What's the nicest present you can give a fair-haired grandchild or a precious godchild? Blue-chip stocks, of course. And pearls. And, always and forever, gleaming sterling silver. A child who grows up with silver, eats with silver, drinks from silver just naturally develops a surer yardstick of quality. Fine silver has a very special patina—a feel that only grows lovelier with the years. The good design of a little girl's milk goblet will still be good design when it holds cigarettes on her coffee table. Someday another small boy will curl his fingers around his daddy's own special fork. The cup on top of antique target game is by Gorham. Left to right: International's "Jeremiah Dummer" cup and napkin ring. Wallace's "Grand Baroque" child's fork. Towle's goblet. Reed & Barton's curved-handle baby spoon. Heirloom's feeding spoon by Oneida. Wallace's talc shaker. And International's porringer.



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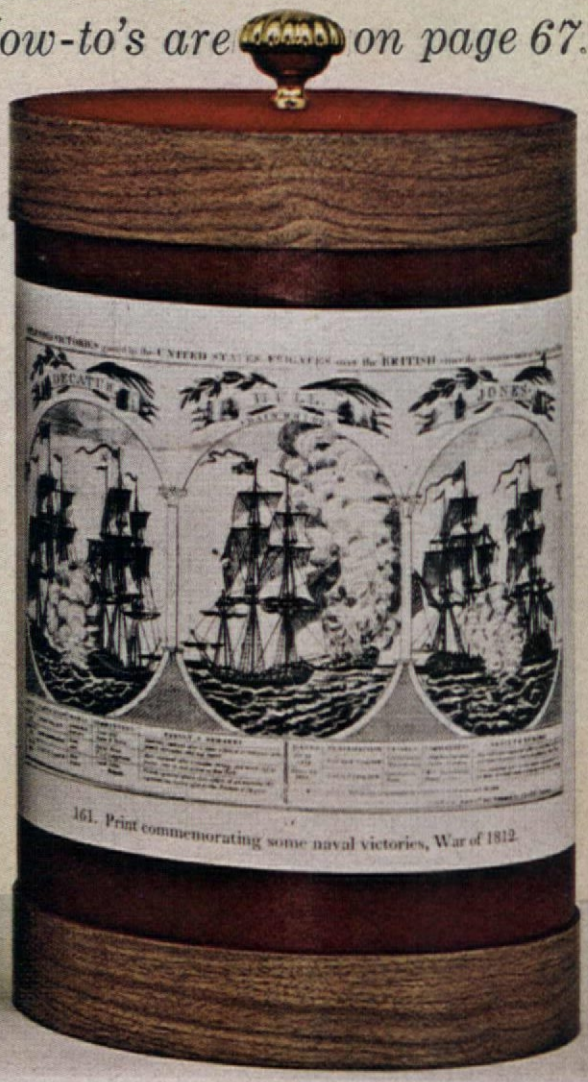
GET SET FOR THE KICKOFF *There's never been such a year for boots. But whether your guests come in chic, glittering patent leather buskins or great galumphing galoshes, who wants boots cluttering up the hallway? Here are a*



Rudy Muller

half dozen ideas for elegant boot boxes you can easily turn out in your workshop. What about the guest whose boots are just too pretty for a box and she's shoeless at that? Let her dine with her boots on! How-to's are on page 67.

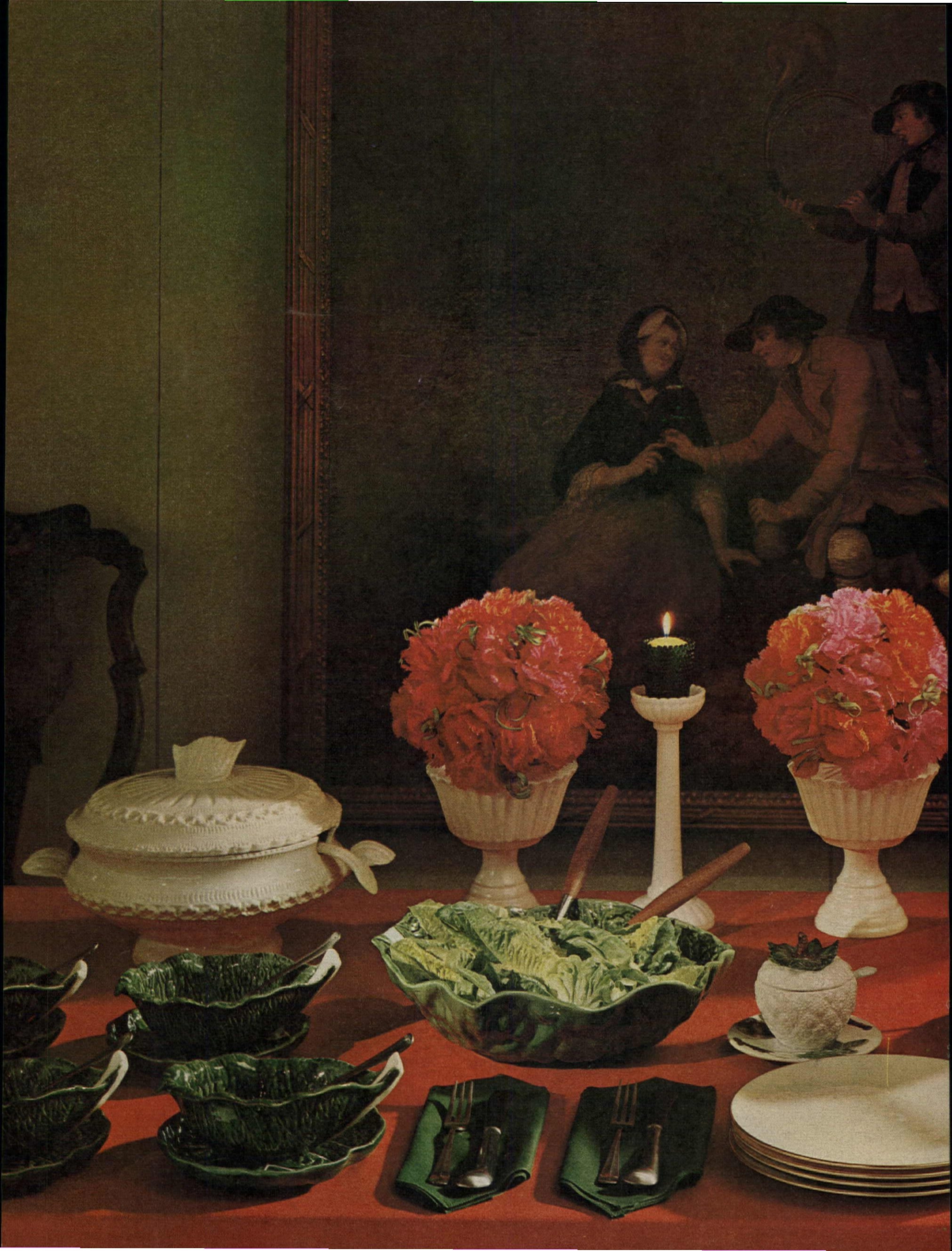




161. Print commemorating some naval victories, War of 1812.



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HOLIDAY TABLES ARE GLEAM AND GLITTER

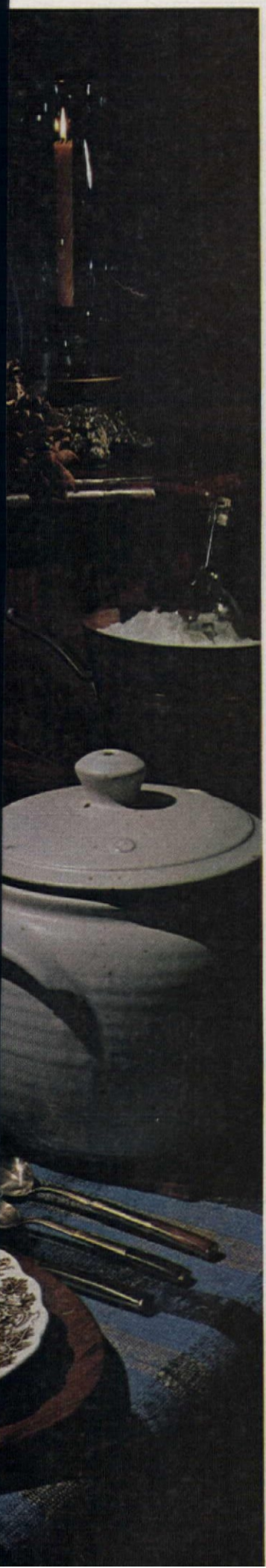
THE TABLE is the heart of your holiday entertaining, whether it's a shimmering, candlelit supper for two or a bountiful buffet for twenty. Next to the Christmas tree, your table is the most important decoration in the house. Give it a festive fancy-dress setting. Give it a theme and a color scheme . . . a touch of fun or romance or good cheer, in keeping with the feast. Remember, you don't need Santas and poinsettias to set a holiday table. These spellbinding settings could be adapted to almost any gala, memory-making occasion. On this page, a classic, well-ordered buffet is set in offbeat shades of vibrant orange and green with bright flurries of soft white. Footed bowls are heaped with gay silk carnations and punctuated by long candlesticks.

Table designed by Kaleidoscope, Beverly Hills
Photographer: George de Gennaro
Information: Barbara Lenox

POTPOURRI OF CANDLES casts a flickering spell on a dramatic late-supper table. Candles of all sizes and colors meander down the center, garnished with pine cones, dried ferns, and leaves. Deep-toned blues and wood browns of the setting are a marvelous mingling of textures and cultures—rich Belgian linen cloth, Italian wall carving, old French goblets, Danish salt and peppers. Contemporary teak-handled brass flatware, mocha damask napkins, and polished wood platters are suave, additional accents.



Setting at Lord & Taylor Photographer: Ernest Silva





Photographed at B. Altman & Co. by Ernest Silva

CRYSTAL TIERS hold a centerpiece of shiny "apples," Christmas balls, and winged doves. Tall red tapers in tinkling candelabra add to the sparkle. Green felt runners are custom-made—by you. Trace dimensions of your table on paper to use as pattern.

BEJEWELED BALLS of yarn in vibrant blue, chartreuse, and emerald are heaped in a bed of long-needle pine. Tassel-trimmed linen runner flows the length of the family oak table. Napkin rings were cut from mailing tube, sprayed with glue and rolled in glitter. Chandelier glitters too!



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Oberman, West Los Angeles Table design by Kaleidoscope Photographer: George de Gennaro



Setting at Lord & Taylor Photographer: Ernest Silva

GROW IN THE NEW YEAR with a table that bubbles and pops with midnight gaiety. A great froth of confetti streamers and bright balloons dances overhead from a black wire basket along with zany ropes of raffia onions. A wrought-iron rooster struts among clusters of party pink mums on the fuchsia plaid tablecloth. Fringed napkins are prettily rolled in confetti streamers. Black-handled flatware is stainless steel. Deep pink bowls wait to be filled with piping hot chili con carne from a gleaming tureen while beer cools in a great brass tub.

INTIMATE GOLDEN ISLAND makes for romantic dining *à deux*. Because two can be a good reason for a party, whatever the season, bring out the finest tableware you own. Gold-rimmed plates and gold-toned flatware gleam like jewels on printed cotton that looks for all the world like cut velvet. Napkins make their decorative point folded and clipped with miniature golden roses. The glowing amber and gold centerpiece is an artful arrangement of ordinary candles and pretend grapes. Turn the stereo on ever so low and forget the laundry, the budget, and even the children for a little while.

Designed by Kaleidoscope Information: Barbara Lenox Photographer: George de Gennaro



LUSH ROSES IN SNOWY SWAN highlight an enchanting traditional table. Color cued to the dining room's own lovely scheme, the setting echoes the reds and greens of Christmas with elegant sophistication. With its sparkling freshness, it would be just as appropriate in the merry month of May! Table mats in two different sizes and two piquant colors are placed one on top of the other to float on the glossy table top. White candles in silver holders cast a glow on willowy green stemware and rosy glass soup bowls. White baking shells are used for salad plates. With a nod to the season, the serving buffet is heaped with shiny Christmas ornaments and pine boughs in a graceful arrangement of deep sea shells.

Photographed at B. Altman & Co. by Ernest Silva

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JUNE M. TOWNE AND FOODS STAFF

COOKING IN A BLAZE OF GLORY

We defy anybody to cook an unromantic dish in a chafing dish. Even scrambled eggs at high noon take on an aura of glamour and drama. So imagine the infinite enchantment of Pêches Flambées on your holiday sideboard—golden peaches and Christmasy red and green cherries bubbling in a bourbon-blue haze. For a gay, intimate supper party let your guests dunk into a piquant



Bill Fotiades

Swiss Fondue with bite-size pieces of French bread or serve elegant Hashed Creamed Turkey on hot buttered toast. Chicken Livers Madeira are tenderly sautéed in a wine sauce. They'll bring raves from the gourmets on your list. More desserts to concoct are puffy, foamy Zabaglione or Flaming Strawberries à l'Orange, fitting finale to a festive Christmas party. Recipes on page 54.

HOLIDAY DINING AT ITS BEST

From Christmas breakfast to New Year supper these are the meals to serve!

When the last present has been opened, what better way to start the joyous day than a festive Christmas breakfast? First a cool, refreshing fruit cup. Then on to the pièce de résistance, glamorous Eggs Benedict*, with a rich and elegant hollandaise sauce. Add a tomato-stuffed mushroom for an appetizing garnish. And for a very special treat—your own Little Danish Pastries* served with buttercurls and piping hot coffee. Starred recipes on page 51.



Irwin Horowitz

Once you've rung the New Year in, why not sit down to a gay midnight supper to top off the evening? (Everything's prepared before the festivities begin.) Start off with a Christmas Paté in Aspic* and follow with a lavishly mushroomed Beef Stroganoff* served on noodles and garnished with tomato wedges. For dessert: pineapple quarters with strawberries!



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We know you'll have a plump, bursting-with-stuffing bird on Christmas Day, but later how about entertaining at one elegant dinner worthy of white tie and tails? Oysters Rockefeller*, Ham and Asparagus Rolls Mornay*, Herbed Tomatoes, and Holiday Steamed Pudding* with hard sauce.



Surprise holiday cake

You make it with *Campbell's* Tomato Soup

TOMATO SOUP CAKE

1¾ cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
3 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. each ground cloves, cinnamon, and nutmeg
½ cup shortening
1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup
2 eggs
1 cup chopped candied fruit or raisins or prepared mincemeat
1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9-inch tube pan. In large bowl, sift dry ingredients together. Add shortening and ½ can soup. Beat until smooth. Add remaining soup and eggs. Beat until smooth. Fold in fruit and nuts. Pour into pan. Bake about 1¼ hours. Cool in pan 10 min.; remove. **FROSTING.** Soften 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese with 1 tbsp. milk; gradually blend in 2½ cups sifted confectioners' sugar, ½ tsp. vanilla extract.





How big should a washer be?

It should be big enough to wash a lot of clothes at a time—as in the new 12-pound tub of the sturdy Frigidaire Washer. And it should be strong enough to handle these extra large loads for years and years—as in the sturdy Frigidaire Washer. The whole point of the Frigidaire 15-Year Lifetime Test is to improve any part that doesn't last the equivalent of 15 years of household use. (And tests don't stop at 15 years, either.) The tests are tough. Washers run night and day, with detergents, fully loaded. And results have been amazing. For example, the average 1962 Frigidaire Washer tested ran the equivalent of 14 years without even one repair! And Frigidaire engineers say that the 1963 models, now on sale, are even better! See for yourself. Look for the **F** with the crown on top. The crown stands for leadership.

THE STURDY WASHER

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A LETTER TO SANTA (ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE DIVISION)

For Christmas, please put a pretty new electric appliance on my kitchen shelf! I want one that will look attractive on a party table. I need one that will help in the preparation of holiday foods—and family meals throughout the year. In the past I admit that I have occasionally been lax in using some of my small electrical equipment. However, I'm really getting in the appliance groove, finding it's fun and interesting to use these metal marvels. My guests think I'm a genius when I relax at a dinner party while homemade rolls bake right at the table in my portable oven. When the rolls are golden brown I set the control to a low temperature and they stay warm till the last guest is served. My kids say I'm the next best thing to an astronaut when I bake or toast bite-sized after-school treats in my party grill. This I like! I want more! So please, don't forget to leave me an- other work-saving, leisure-making small electric appliance. A very Merry Christmas!—A hopeful Homemaker (continued)



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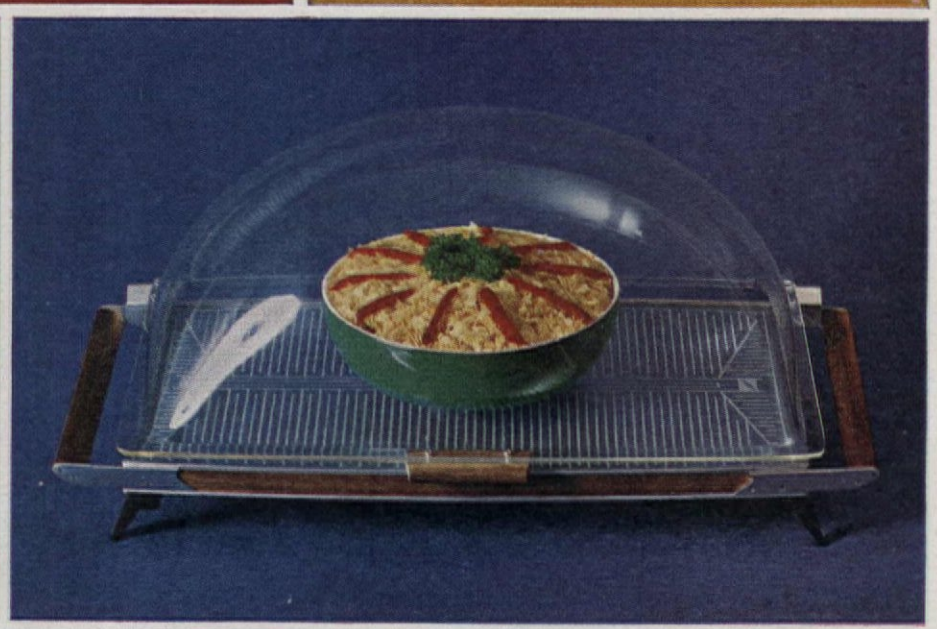
An Attractive Array of Entertaining Electrics to Give or Receive This Christmas

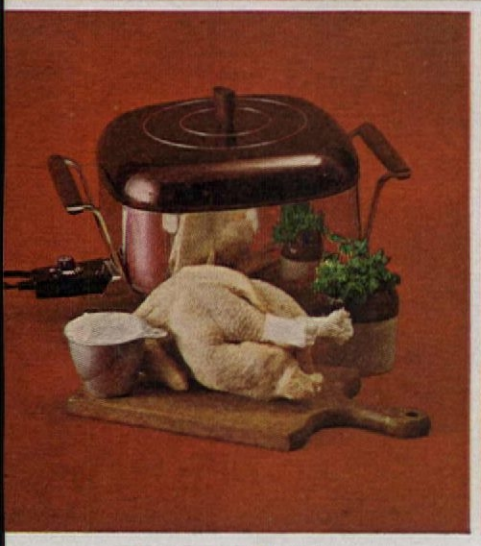


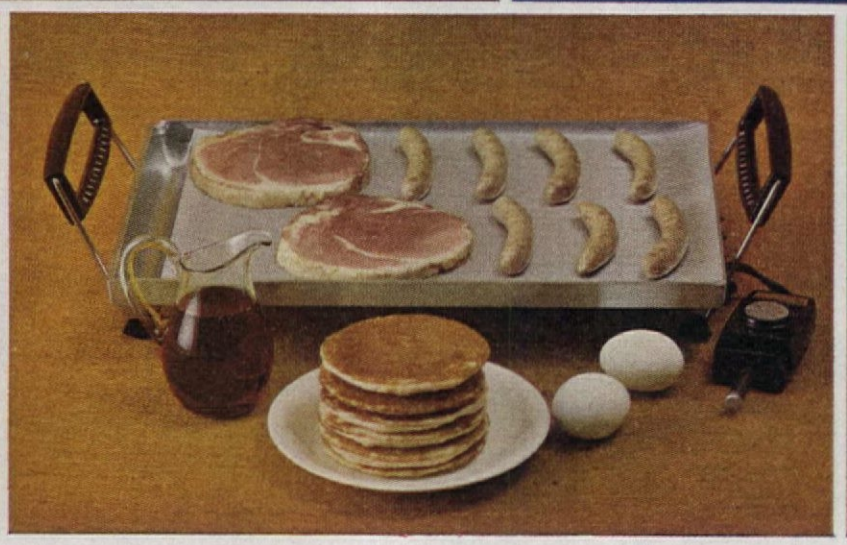














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BLENDER has new low look (10½"). Lightweight, convenient to store and use. With high and low speeds. By General Electric.

BUFFET SERVER of stainless steel resembles serving bowl on graceful legs. Can be used as chafing dish or frying pan. By Farberware.

WAFFLE IRON has uniquely designed Florentine grids—glamorizes each waffle! Control provides exact heat for the desired brownness. Reverse the grids and the appliance becomes a sandwich grill. By Dominion.

FRY PAN has a smartly styled square shape for easier serving. Removable handles adjust to tilt position. Completely immersible, even in dishwasher. By Toastmaster.

HOT TRAY has radiant glass grid, aluminum frame and wood trim. Comes in a variety of sizes. Thermostatically controlled heat keeps prepared foods piping hot. A clear plastic dome cover, to seal in heat, moisture, and flavor, is available for some models. By Salton.

BUFFET COOKER is aluminum with antique bronze anodized cover and black walnut heat-resistant handles. Comes in 5½- and 7-quart sizes. Useful as dutch oven, deep-fat fryer, or casserole. By Wear-Ever.

GRIDDLE has a removable thermostatic control. Use as a grill, for frying, or as an attractive warming or serving tray. Surface is silicone-treated to keep foods from sticking and for easy cleaning. By Westinghouse.

CHAFING DISH, a newcomer to the electric industry, is handsomely styled in copper and brass with a touch of wood. The serving dish sits snugly in a bowl where the necessary water for cooking is heated by a built-in electric immersion unit. By Maxwell-Phillips.

PORTABLE OVEN (pictured on page 47) is lightweight and compact. Pre-heats quickly. Inside are two roomy sliding racks. Control detaches so oven can be washed directly under water. Ideal for table use. By Presto.

PARTY GRILL (pictured on page 47) grids form 12 rounded rectangular sections for baking or toasting little sandwiches, canapés, muffins, or pies. Has a food-ready indicator light and heat control. By Sunbeam.

A BUYERS' GUIDE TO ENTERTAINING ELECTRICS

Why does he thirst for Orange Juice in the morning?

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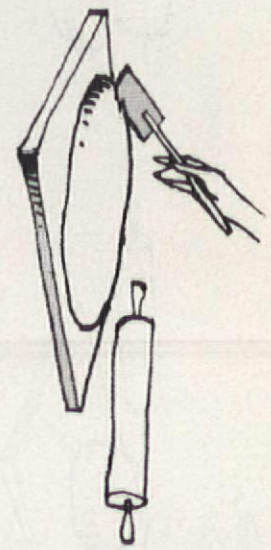


New Crisco—highly unsaturated...vegetable...so digestible

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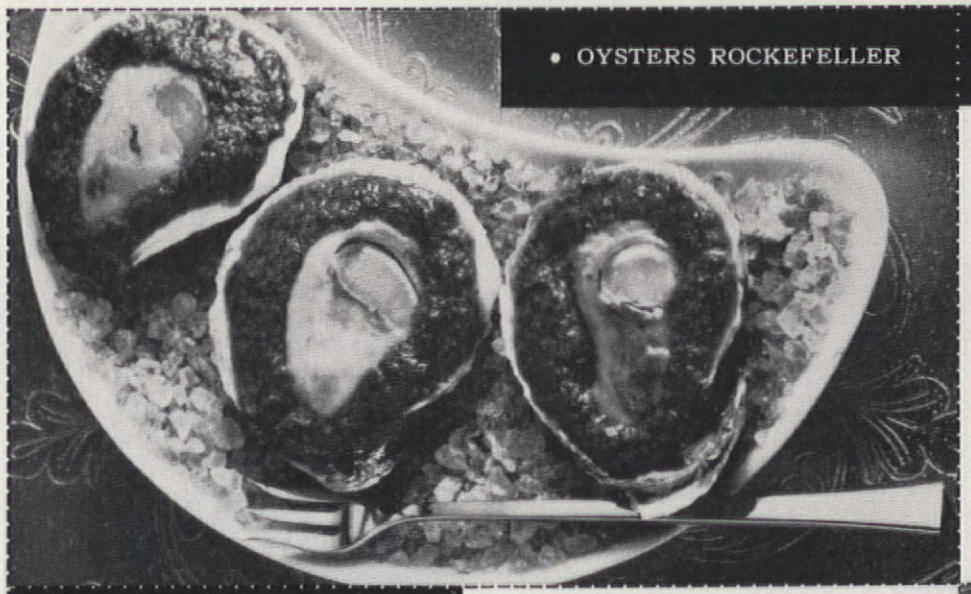
Holiday Dining at its Best

(pictured in color on pages 42, 43 and 44)



Tip for pastry makers. If dough starts to stick while you are rolling pastry, loosen it gently with the side, not the tip of a spatula. Turn the freed portion over your left palm and let it rest there while you carefully loosen the remaining dough and lightly redust the board with flour.





• OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

• CHRISTMAS PÂTÉ IN ASPIC

Preparation time: 30 min.
Chilling time: 3 hrs.

2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
3 c. chicken broth
1 egg white
1 egg shell
½ c. liverwurst
1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese
1 tube (2 oz.) anchovy paste
2 tbs. dry sherry
Pimiento
Parsley sprigs

● Soften gelatin in 1 cup chicken broth. Heat remaining broth to boiling; add softened gelatin; stir until dissolved. Beat egg white until frothy; add white and crumbled egg shell to hot broth. Heat slowly to boiling; remove from heat; let settle. Strain through several thicknesses of cheese cloth or clean toweling; cool. Chill until mixture just begins to thicken. Blend liverwurst, cream cheese, and anchovy paste with electric mixer at medium speed; add sherry slowly; beat until fluffy and well blended. Set 6 individual molds firmly on bed of ice; spoon thin layer of aspic into molds; let set. Cut designs from pimiento; place on set aspic layer; spoon thin layer of aspic into each mold; let set. Squeeze liverwurst mixture through pastry bag into center of each mold, leaving ¼ inch free around edges. Fill mold with aspic; chill until set. Pour any remaining aspic into shallow pan; let set; cut in tiny cubes. Unmold; garnish with aspic cubes and parsley sprigs.

Makes 6 servings *310 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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• EGGS BENEDICT

Preparation time: 20 min.

4 English muffins
Butter or margarine
8 slices Canadian bacon or ham
8 eggs, poached
Hollandaise Sauce

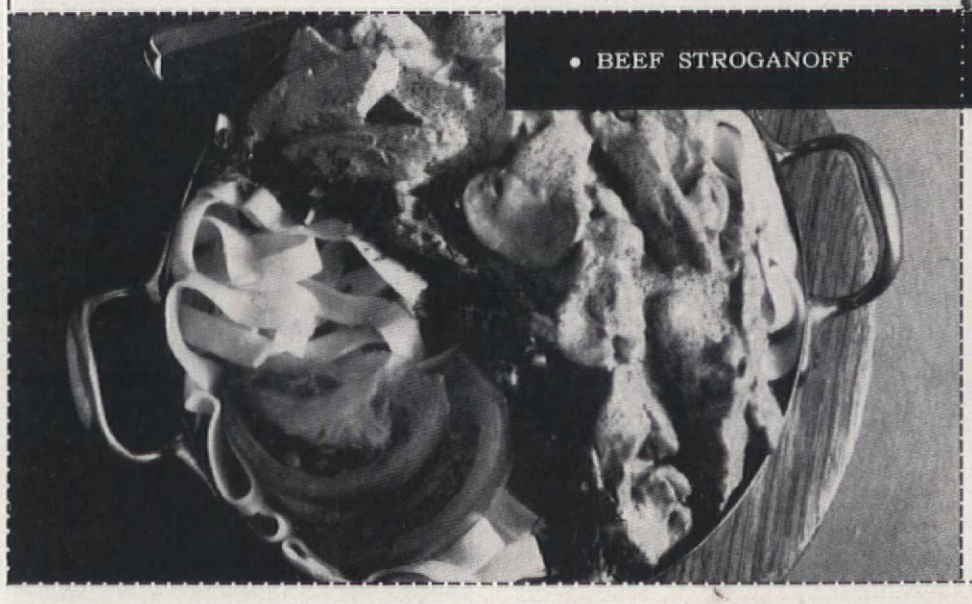
● Split and toast English muffins; spread with butter or margarine. Sauté bacon or ham slices slightly in a small amount of butter or margarine; place one slice on each muffin half; top each with a poached egg. Cover with HOLLANDAISE SAUCE: Stir 3 egg yolks and ¼ cup lemon juice in top of double boiler; add 6 tablespoons (¾ stick) butter or margarine. Place over hot water; stir until butter or margarine melts. Add another 6 tablespoons butter or margarine; continue stirring until melted and sauce is thickened. Any leftover sauce may be kept in the refrigerator. To serve, stir in a small amount of hot water.

Makes 4 servings *859 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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• HOLIDAY STEAMED PUDDING



• BEEF STROGANOFF

• HAM AND ASPARAGUS ROLLS MORNAY

Preparation time: 25 min.
Cooking time: 15 min.

2 boxes (10 oz. ea.) frozen asparagus spears *or* 3 cans (1 lb. 3 oz. ea.) asparagus spears
12 thin slices cooked ham (about 1½ lbs.)
1½ c. chicken broth
¼ c. butter or margarine
3 tbs. flour
½ tsp. dry mustard
½ c. light cream
½ c. grated Parmesan cheese
1 egg yolk, slightly beaten

● Cook and drain frozen asparagus or drain canned asparagus. Arrange 4 spears on each slice of ham; roll up. Place in shallow pan; pour ½ cup of chicken broth over rolls; cover pan with foil. Heat in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 minutes. While ham rolls are heating, prepare MORNAY SAUCE: Melt butter or margarine in saucepan; stir in flour and mustard. Slowly add 1 cup chicken broth and light cream; cook, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly; stir in cheese. Beat ½ of mixture into egg yolk; return to pan; cook over low heat 1 minute. Place ham rolls on serving plates; pour hot sauce over each.

Makes 6 servings *668 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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Holiday Dining at its Best

(pictured in color on pages 42, 43 and 44)

• BEEF STROGANOFF

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 25 min.

1½ lb. beef tenderloin or fillet of beef
5 tbs. butter or margarine
1 large onion, sliced (1 c.)
½ lb. mushrooms, sliced
½ c. dry sherry or white wine
1½ c. dairy sour cream
2 tbs. tomato paste
2 pkgs. (8 oz. ea.) noodles, cooked and drained
Tomato wedges
Chopped parsley

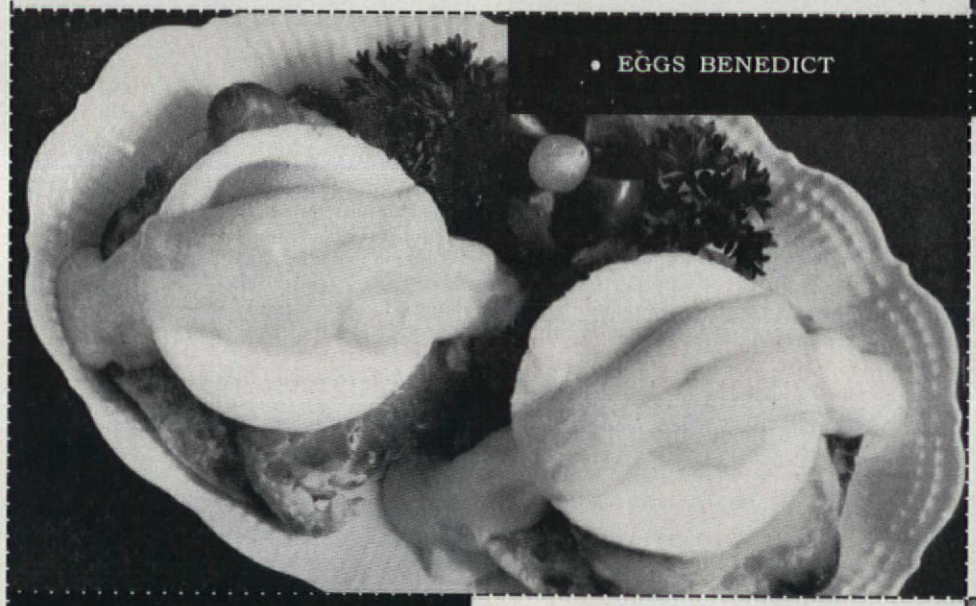
● Cut beef into ½-inch slices; cut slices into ½-inch-wide strips; cook strips in 3 tablespoons butter or margarine about 5 minutes, or until brown; remove to hot platter. Sauté onion slices and mushrooms in remaining 2 tablespoons butter or margarine 5 to 8 minutes, or until tender. Return meat to pan; add wine. Stir in sour cream and tomato paste; cook over low heat just until heated through. Serve over cooked noodles. Garnish with tomato wedges and chopped parsley.

Makes 6 servings *587 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**



• HAM AND ASPARAGUS ROLLS MORNAY



• EGGS BENEDICT

• HOLIDAY STEAMED PUDDING

Preparation time: 25 min.
Steaming time: 1 hr.

¼ c. butter or margarine
⅔ c. brown sugar, firmly packed
1 egg
½ c. canned pumpkin
2 tbs. orange juice
1 c. sifted all-purpose flour
⅛ tsp. baking soda
¾ tsp. baking powder
¾ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. ground cloves
¼ tsp. ginger
¼ c. chopped candied orange peel
¼ c. raisins
Hard Sauce

● Grease six ½-cup molds. Beat butter or margarine, sugar, and egg in large bowl until light and fluffy. Combine pumpkin and orange juice. Sift flour, baking soda, baking powder, and spices together; add to creamed mixture alternately with pumpkin mixture. Stir in orange peel and raisins. Half-fill molds with batter; cover each mold with piece of buttered aluminum foil; tie securely. Put ½ inch water in steamer or kettle; place molds on rack in steamer; steam 1 hour. Unmold and serve with HARD SAUCE: Beat 1 cup butter or margarine until fluffy; blend in 2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar, and 2 teaspoons vanilla; beat until well blended. To tint pink, blend in a few drops red food color. Pipe through pastry tube to decorate as pictured, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *711 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, C*

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• OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 4–5 min.

1½ doz. oysters on half shell*
¾ c. butter or margarine
¼ c. finely chopped parsley
3 tbs. finely chopped onion
1 tbs. finely chopped celery
1 clove garlic, minced
1½ c. finely chopped watercress
¼ c. fine soft bread crumbs
¼ tsp. salt
Dash liquid hot-pepper sauce
2 tbs. Pernod or Anisette

● Set oven at very hot (450° F.). Fill 6 individual oven-proof serving dishes with rock salt; place 3 oysters in shell in each dish. Melt butter or margarine in skillet; add parsley, onion, celery, and garlic; cook until soft. Add watercress; cook only 1 minute more. Whirl mixture in electric blender about 1 minute, or press through food mill or sieve; add bread crumbs, salt, hot-pepper sauce, and Pernod or Anisette. Spoon about 1 tablespoon of sauce onto each oyster. Bake 4 to 5 minutes, or until oysters are heated through and sauce bubbles slightly.

*Or use thawed frozen oysters in ceramic or foil shells.

Makes 6 servings *280 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

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• CHRISTMAS PÂTÉ IN ASPIC



Tip for pastry makers. Always roll pastry dough from center toward the edge. Press lightly with your rolling pin in successive short strokes in direction which will keep the shape round. Roll it 3 inches larger than diameter of pie pan.



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Holiday Dining at its Best

(pictured in color on page 42)



Count on your blender to do the job if a recipe calls for fine dry bread crumbs. Cut or pull bread slices into pieces, then whirl one slice at a time at low speed for a very short time.

• LITTLE DANISH PASTRIES

Preparation time: 25 min.
Chilling time: overnight
Baking time: 15–20 min.

2 pkgs. active dry yeast
or 2 cakes compressed yeast
3 eggs, beaten
4½ c. sifted all-purpose flour
1½ c. (3 sticks) butter or margarine
1 c. milk
½ c. sugar
1½ tsp. salt
¼ c. (½ stick) butter or margarine
¼ c. warm water (105°–115° F.)

● Scald milk; add sugar, salt, and ¼ cup butter or margarine; cool to lukewarm. Measure warm water into large bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast; stir until dissolved. Add lukewarm milk mixture and beaten eggs. Add 1 cup flour; mix well; stir remaining flour into batter just until mixed; refrigerate. Spread 1½ cups butter or margarine out on wax paper to a 10x12-inch rectangle; chill 1 hour. Roll chilled dough into 12x16-inch rectangle; place butter or margarine slab in center of dough. Fold each side of dough to center, covering butter or margarine. Give dough a quarter turn; roll to a 12x16-inch rectangle; fold as above. Turn, roll, and fold once more; chill 1 hour. Repeat procedure of two rollings, foldings, turnings, and chillings two more times. Refrigerate dough overnight. Shape half the dough at a time; keep remainder refrigerated. After shaping, place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheet. Chill 1 hour. Beat 2 egg yolks and 2 tablespoons water together; brush over pastries. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes about 3 dozen.

TWISTS: Roll half the dough into a 4x12-inch rectangle. Sprinkle with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar and very finely chopped nuts. Fold dough in half lengthwise. Cut into ½-inch-wide strips. Twist ends in opposite directions.

POCKETBOOKS: Roll half the dough out into a 4x12-inch rectangle. Cut in half lengthwise. Cut into 2-inch squares; place teaspoon of jelly in center. Bring 2 opposite corners to center; press down to secure.

ELEPHANT EARS: Roll half the dough out into 4x12-inch rectangle; sprinkle with a mixture of cinnamon and sugar; roll up jelly-roll fashion. Cut into 1-inch pieces; cut each piece in the center almost through to the bottom; spread open.

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• LITTLE DANISH PASTRIES

Chafing Dish Cooking (continued from page 41)

PÊCHES FLAMBÉES

Preparation time: 10 min./Cooking time: 15 min.

Pour syrup from 1 can (1 pound) peach halves into blazer pan of chafing dish; place directly over flame; bring to boiling. Dissolve ½ teaspoon cornstarch in small amount of cold water; stir into syrup; cook until thickened. Add peach halves and red and green maraschino cherries; baste with syrup until heated through. Pour ¼ cup bourbon over peaches; set ablaze. Makes 4 servings.

SWISS FONDUE

Preparation time: 20 min./Cooking time: 20 min.

Shred ½ pound imported Swiss cheese; dredge with 1½ tablespoons flour. Rub pan of chafing dish or earthenware casserole well with clove of garlic. Pour 1 cup light dry white wine into pan; set over low flame. When air bubbles rise to surface (*before* boiling point) stir with fork and add cheese by handfuls; dissolve each handful before adding the next. Stir until mixture starts bubbling lightly; add salt and pepper to taste and a dash of nutmeg, if desired. Stir in 3 tablespoons Kirsch; mix thoroughly. To serve: Keep fondue bubbling lightly. Spear bite-size piece of French bread with fork, going through soft part first and securing points in crust. Each guest dunks his own bread in fondue with a stirring motion. If fondue becomes too thick stir in a little preheated (never cold) wine. Keep heat low when, towards the end, the melted cheese forms a brown crust (a special delicacy) at bottom of utensil. Makes 4 servings.

HASHED CREAMED TURKEY

Preparation time: 20 min./Cooking time: 15 min.

Combine 2 cups diced, cooked turkey; 3 tablespoons chopped parsley; 1 teaspoon minced onion; and a dash of nutmeg in bowl; sprinkle with 1 teaspoon salt and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine in top pan of chafing dish directly over low flame; blend in 1 tablespoon flour. Stir in ½ cup milk; cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and thick. Stir in ½ cup heavy cream; stir until mixture is hot. Stir a small amount of mixture into 2 slightly beaten eggs; return to pan. Place pan over bottom pan containing hot water; continue to cook and stir 2 minutes. Add ¼ cup dry sherry and seasoned turkey mixture. Heat thoroughly; serve over buttered hot toast. Makes 4 servings.

CHICKEN LIVERS MADEIRA

Preparation time: 15 min./Cooking time: 15 min.

Dredge 1 pound chicken livers with flour. Heat 3 tablespoons butter or margarine in blazer pan of chafing dish directly over flame. Add livers; sauté 3 to 4 minutes, turning to brown all sides. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; stir in ¼ cup Madeira. Beat 1 cup heavy cream and 2 egg yolks slightly; stir into pan; cook 3 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Serve over hot rice. Makes 4 servings.

FLAMING STRAWBERRIES À L'ORANGE

Preparation time: 20 min./Cooking time: 15 min.

Wash, hull, and drain 3 pints large ripe strawberries; reserve. Peel a large thin-skinned orange with sharp knife or vegetable peeler. Remove any white from inside of rind; cut rind into thin strips; boil in small amount of water 5 minutes. Squeeze orange; reserve juice. Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine in blazer pan of chafing dish over low flame. Add ¼ cup sugar; cook slowly until mixture turns pale gold. Add drained orange rind; cook, stirring constantly 1 minute. Add ¼ cup cognac and 2 tablespoons Kirsch; cook until mixture bubbles. Add strawberries; stir gently to coat with syrup and heat through. Ignite liquor; when flames die, add orange juice. Serve at once. Makes 8 servings.

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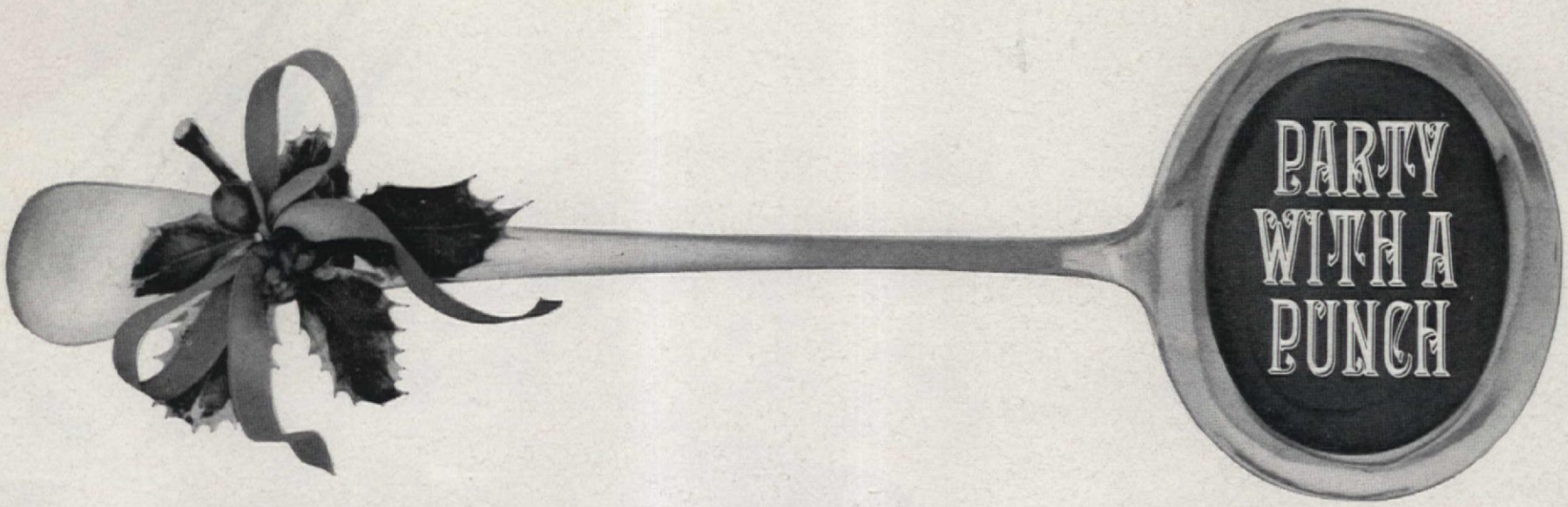
Beat 6 egg yolks in bowl with rotary beater or electric mixer until thick and pale in color. Beat in ½ cup sugar gradually. Beat in ½ cup Marsala wine slowly. Pour into top pan of chafing dish; place over boiling water; continue beating until mixture foams up and begins to thicken. Be careful not to overcook. Serve warm in sherbet glasses. The glasses may be lined with ladyfingers, if desired. Makes 4 servings.



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What's the specialty of your punch bowl? A cool, creamy, golden eggnog? A hot, heart-tingling Scandinavian glogg? A merry, bubbling champagne punch? There are as many kinds of punch as there are ornaments on the tree, or hosts in the kitchen. There are punches as traditional as the Old English wassail and punches so new they haven't been born yet. Give a man a bowl, some bottles, and a house full of guests, and who knows what ambrosial concoction will result?

But that brings up a very important question. What is a punch? Is it just a slapdash, ad-lib mixture of anything you have in the house or are there basic rules in making a punch? Well, the word punch comes from the Persian "punj" or from the Hindu "panch." Both words mean "five," and punches as a rule were made of five parts: water, wine, sugar, lemon, and spirits. Today, there is practically no limit to the variety of flavor effects you can produce with fruits, fruit juices, wines, spirits, cordials, and spices. There are, however, some basic rules that are as important for punches as they are for any other drink. They are simple but necessary for best results.

First of all, use the best quality liquors you can afford. The better the liquor or spirits, the better the punch will be. Be sure not to use too many different kinds of liquor. The ones you do use should blend in one harmonious whole. A punch should not be too strong, neither should it be too weak. We also recommend going easy on the cut-up fruits. Remember, this is a punch not a fruit cocktail. Use only a solid block of ice in the punch bowl rather than ice cubes. The larger the block, the less the dilution will be. Blend the ingredients of cold punches (except sparkling beverages) well in advance. Chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour. When ready to serve, pour the chilled mixture over the ice in the bowl. Wait until the last minute before adding champagne, ginger ale, or sparkling water. A sparkling punch is supposed to sparkle! How much punch should you make? This, of course, depends on the kind of party you are giving. A gallon of punch is enough for 40 cups, about ¾ full. We'll let you take it from there!

CHRISTMAS PUNCH Chill punch bowl with block of ice. When chilled, pour off the water. Pour 1 pony maraschino, 3 ponies brandy, dash of yellow chartreuse, 1 pint club soda, and ½ bottle or pint hard cider into bowl; stir; add 2 quarts dry champagne. Will make approximately 30 generous punch-cup servings.

EGGNOG Beat 12 egg whites until foamy; add 1½ cups sugar gradually, beating after each addition until sugar is dissolved. Beat 12 egg yolks until thick and lemon colored; fold in egg-white mixture. Gradually add 1 quart heavy cream, chilled; 1 quart cold milk, 1 quart whisky or cognac; add about ½ cup Jamaica rum to taste; stir until well mixed. Turn mixture carefully into well-chilled punch bowl. Ladle into punch cups. Sprinkle each serving with nutmeg. Will serve approximately 30 people.

WEDDING PUNCH Combine ½ cup sugar, 1½ cups water, one 2-inch piece stick cinnamon, and 1 tablespoon whole cloves in saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally, and boil 5 minutes. Strain and cool slightly. Add to ¾ cup grenadine and 3 cups grapefruit juice, 2¼ cups pineapple juice, 1 cup orange juice; chill. Just before serving pour into punch bowl; add one bottle (about 1 pint) sparkling water. Pour into punch bowl containing fruited ice block. Will serve approximately 20 people.

To make fruited ice block: Arrange a layer of strawberries, orange slices, and mint sprigs (or any other fruit combination) in a mold or clean coffee can. Add just enough water to cover and freeze. Repeat layers until mold or can is filled. Make in advance and store in freezer. To unmold, dip in hot water.

WHIRLING CHAMPEACH PUNCH Choose mellow ripe peaches; place one peach in the bottom of a tall glass with 1 teaspoon sugar, then pour very cold champagne into the glass. Fill about ⅔ full, allowing room at the top for the action to come. The peach will rise to the occasion, spinning rapidly in the bubbling champagne until the absorbed liquid pulls it again to the bottom. Note: The added sugar encourages effervescence; the peach will carry on without it. Provide a fruit knife and fork so that guests can enjoy peeling and eating the peach after drinking the champagne. If fresh peaches are not available, substitute canned whole peaches which may be found in stores specializing in gourmet or unusual foods.

JULGLOGG—A traditional Scandinavian drink for holiday cheer. Combine 10 cardamom seeds, 5 whole cloves, rind from ½ an orange, 1 cup blanched almonds, 1 cup seedless raisins, one ½-inch piece stick cinnamon, 1 cup water, and 1 cup (½ pound) sugar in saucepan; bring to boiling. Stir in 1 bottle port wine and 1 bottle vodka; heat through; do not allow to boil. Makes about 2 quarts.

HOT BUTTERED RUM Cream ½ cup brown sugar, firmly packed; ¼ cup butter or margarine; and ⅛ teaspoon ground cloves together. Put a tablespoon of mixture into each mug or glass; pour 1 jigger rum into each. Fill mugs to within 1" of top with boiling water. Stir with long piece of stick cinnamon. Any leftover sugar mixture can be kept refrigerated in covered jar.

CAFÉ BRÛLOT Into a thick bowl or chafing dish pour enough cognac to allow a liqueur glass for each cup of coffee and, of course, one for the bowl. Mull sugar with cinnamon stick, cloves, orange, and lemon rind in chafing dish. Pour coffee into mulled mixture. Peel an orange, corkscrew fashion; holding over bowl, pour cognac down peel, light. Drop peel into the bowl—flames will flicker.

FISH HOUSE PUNCH Combine 1 cup sugar syrup, 3 cups lemon juice, 2 bottles rum, 1 bottle cognac, 4 ounces peach brandy, 1 quart drained canned pineapple tidbits, and 1½ quarts water in large punch bowl. Allow mixture to stand 2 to 3 hours to ripen and blend. Stir occasionally. Place a large block of ice in punch bowl, stir to cool. Serve. Will serve approximately 40 people.

To make sugar syrup: Stir 1 cup sugar and 1 cup water over heat until sugar is dissolved. Bring to boil; boil 7 minutes without stirring. Cool. Makes 1 cup.

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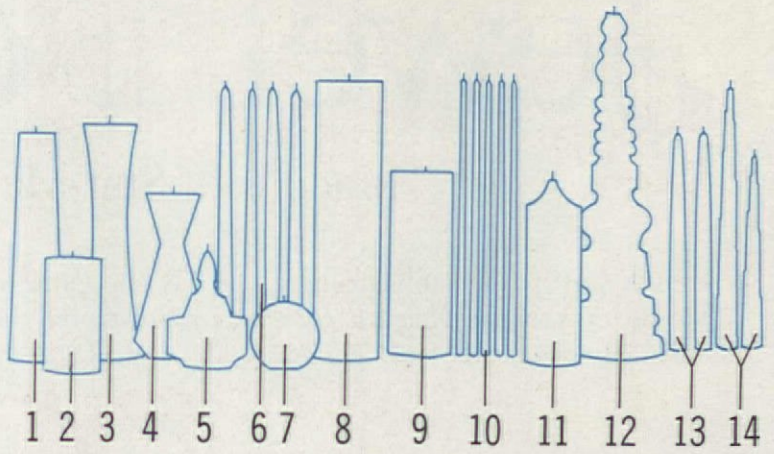
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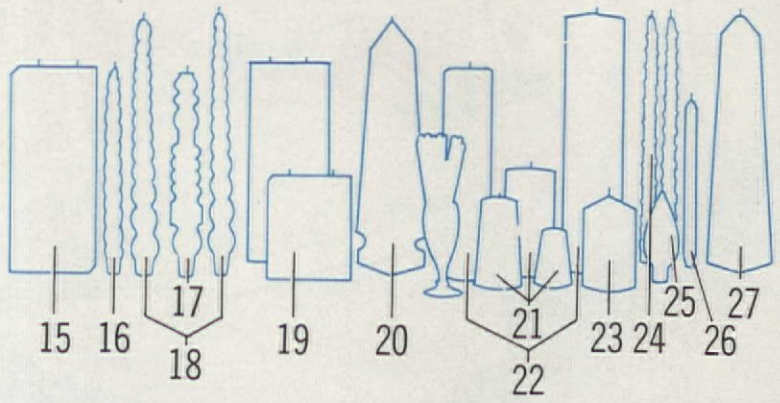
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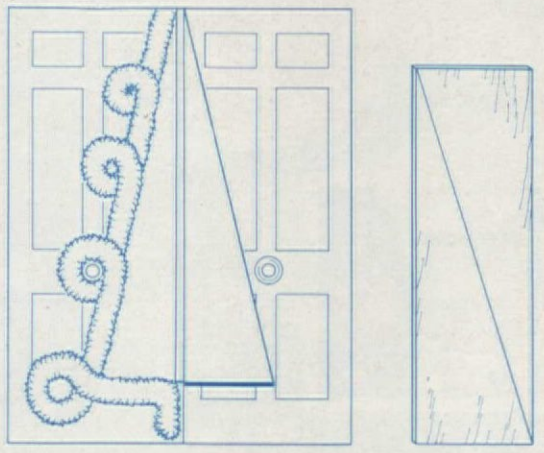


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Christmas Doorway (pictured in color on page 23)



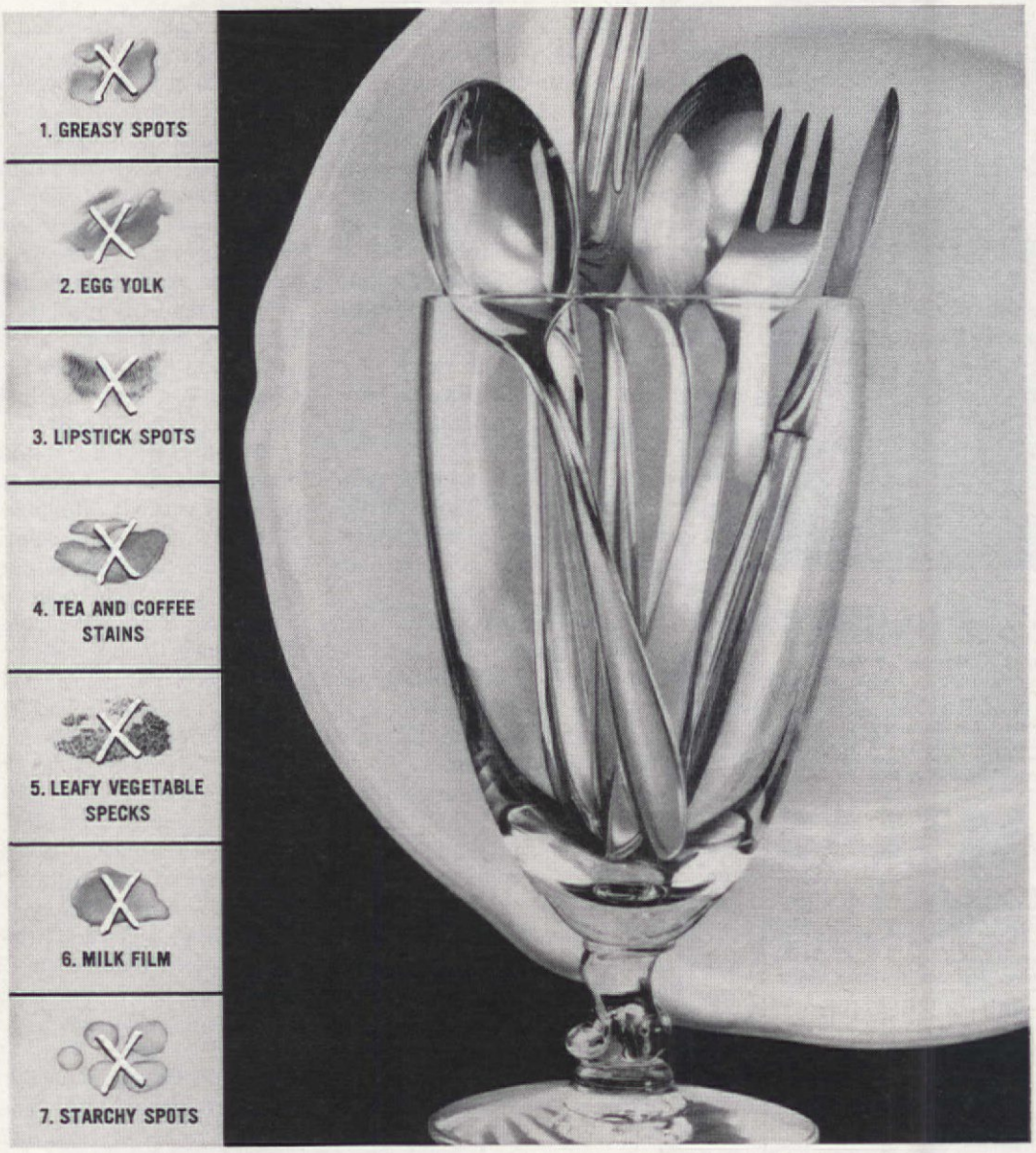
Cut a triangular piece of plywood in shape of tree. For double door like one shown, cut two right-angle triangles, one for each side of door. Staple red felt to plywood and mount on door. Nail garland in position at top and loop to the edge of tree, holding in place with nails and tacks. Loops should be graduated in size to bottom edge. Star of Bethlehem at top of door is formed with double coated tape. Press double strands of gold tinsel garland onto tape and wire gold ornament at center of star. For urn decoration, spray large Styrofoam balls with gold and set into circle of Princess pine roping (available at florists). Mount on urn.



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Night Before Christmas

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be more difficult than Jane realized, but I didn't argue. Christmas is distinctly her department.

As the great day approached Jane went into her usual tailspin.

Each morning she disappeared the moment the last egg cup had been jammed into the dishwasher. Each evening she returned with circles of exhaustion under her eyes, but obviously happy. Each day a stream of packages arrived, indicating that once more the Christmas budget had gone the way of all budgets.

Shortly before Christmas a huge tree arrived. Jane never allowed anyone to help her trim the tree. On Christmas Eve, in the old days, there would be a sign, attached to the closed doors of the living room, stating "WOMEN AT WORK–KEEP OUT." Modern houses have no doors, however; only spaces where you wander about among partitions which end nowhere. Jane solved the problem in this instance by throwing us all out of the house until suppertime and then we ate in the kitchen behind a screen.

"It's not going to be much of a meal," she warned us. "I'm too tired getting ready for Santa Claus to do much cooking."

"When's he coming?" asked Phoebe anxiously. In spite of her love for the old gentleman she was clearly apprehensive about meeting him face to face.

"Not till we're in bed and asleep," Jane reassured her.

Michael glanced meaningfully at his older brother and giggled.

"That's old-fashioned stuff," said Peter. "Everybody knows ——"

I stepped into the situation quickly. "Now don't let's go into that," I said sternly. "Mother and Phoebe and I love Santa Claus, and don't be a couple of smart alecks!"

"But Dad, how could anybody in a little sleigh go around delivering presents all over the United States? Piggy Cooper and I figured out the other day it would take about thirty million transport planes to do that job in one night."

"All right. I don't want to hear any more about it."

Michael's face brightened. The child has a one-track mind. "What does he need a sleigh for if he goes around in the air? You don't use sleighs in the air. You use jets and capsules."

"Up at the North Pole where he starts from there's lots of snow and ice," said Jane rather weakly. "He needs a sleigh to take off, I guess."

"Then why doesn't he retract his runners when he's airborne?" cried Michael triumphantly. "In the pictures in that book you read us every Christmas they aren't retracted."

"Can't we drop this for a while?" I pleaded.

"That's the trouble with this family," said Peter. "Nobody ever wants to talk about anything interesting."

"What are all those presents on the spare-room bed, Mom?" asked Michael, obviously considering this to be a change of subject.

"Michael, have you been in that room?"

"No. It's locked. I looked in the window. What's wrong with that?"

"Michael," I said, "don't be fresh to your mother."

"Gee, Dad, what's fresh about looking in a window? I knew they were presents 'cause a lot of them were all done up in Christmas paper. There was one big thing that wasn't wrapped at all. It was a ——"

"That's enough," barked Jane. "I'm going to turn on the lights on the tree."

She disappeared around the screen and a moment later we heard her voice calling to us to come in. It was a beautiful tree. Its colored lights, twinkling through the thick branches, cast strange shadows on the walls of the darkened room. For a moment everyone watched it silently, each conscious in his or her own fashion of having stepped into another world.

Then Jane snapped on the room lights and the spell was broken. "Now we'll hang up the stockings," she said, "and set out the food for the reindeer. Then I'll read."

"Mom, there's no fireplace," said Peter. "How're you going to hang up stockings without a fireplace?"

"Here," said Jane, pointing to an old wooden towel rack standing beside the tree. "It's much more convenient for Santa Claus. Now I'll get the reindeer food."

"How's Santa going to get in here with all the doors locked?"

"I don't know," I said rather crossly. "Can't you lay off Santa Claus for a while?"

The boys looked puzzled. Jane returned with a bowl of dry cereal and glanced about uncertainly. "Let's set it outside the front door," she said.

The boys giggled and began to push one another. "Come on, Phoebe," said Jane. "And if you two boys start a roughhouse I'll knock your heads together."

She and Phoebe returned in a moment. "And now," said Jane, "everybody sit on the big sofa and I'll read 'The Night Before Christmas.'"

Peter and Michael sat down on either side of her. "That's my seat," cried Phoebe. "I sit next to Mummie."

"We were here first," said the boys gleefully. Phoebe puckered up her face for a tantrum.

"Peter, move over and let Phoebe sit next to her mother," I said.

"Aw gee, Dad. I was here first. I want to see the pictures."

"Look over Phoebe's shoulder."

Jane took advantage of a moment of quiet and opened the book at the title page. "I thought it was called 'The Night Before Christmas,'" said Michael.

"Well that's what everybody calls it, dear, but its real name is 'A Visit from St. Nicholas.'"

"Who's St. Nicholas?"

"Santa Claus. Now for pete's sake if you'll stop interrupting I'll read."

Opposite the frontispiece was a colored picture of a brick house surrounded by snow-covered fields. In the sky, crossing the face of an enormous moon, was a sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. "Let me see," said Peter, leaning over Phoebe.

"He's hurting me," said Phoebe.

"Oh for heaven's sake, Peter, stop teasing her and sit still."

Phoebe glared at him. "He's bad," she said.

"Well, here we go," cried Jane, with what sounded like forced gaiety.

"' *'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house . . .*'"

The familiar words I had listened to so often as a child. I closed my eyes to give nostalgia a free rein.

"' *. . . and mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap . . .*'"

"Why did he wear a cap in bed?" asked Michael.

"I don't know, dear, to keep his head warm I suppose." Michael, leaning forward, caught his brother's eye and giggled.

"' *. . . away to the window I flew like a flash,*
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash . . .'"

"Why did he throw up?" asked Peter.

"He didn't throw up, dear. He just opened the window."

"But it says he did. It says he opened the window and threw up."

"Peter," I said, "will you please stop interrupting." Jane hurried on nervously.

"' *. . . When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,*
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer . . .
. . . To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!
"Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!" . . .
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew.'"

"Can I interrupt?" asked Peter with unaccustomed politeness.

"Now don't tell me you have to go to the bathroom," said Jane.

"No, I just want to ask Dad something. Look, Dad, in the picture Santa Claus is coming in for a landing, but instead of landing on the roof he lands on the ground somewhere. Then, instead of unloading through the window or something he goes from the ground to the roof of the porch and then climbs up the side of the house. Now that doesn't make any sense, Dad ——"

"Maybe he was in orbit," suggested Michael. "When you're in orbit you come down plop when you re-enter. Maybe he missed the roof."

"He couldn't have been in orbit. He was too near the ground."

"He could so. I could be in orbit right in this room."

"You could *not*."

"For heaven's sake," I shouted, "are we reading 'The Night Before Christmas' or The Night Before Cape Canaveral? Go ahead, darling, and you kids keep quiet."

Peter picked up a sofa pillow and began to punch in the corners to show how little he cared. Jane, looking haggard, closed the book. "I can't take it," she said. "Come, Phoebe, we'll finish the poem in your room."

Phoebe slid off the sofa and put her hand in her mother's. "You're bad," she said over her shoulder and there was a note of victory in her voice. I remained to discuss the matter with the boys.

* * *

Hours later when the last mechanical toy had been put together with the aid of meaningless directions, and the last gaily wrapped package had been placed under the tree, Jane turned out everything but the tree lights and we sank exhausted onto the sofa.

"Aren't they wonderful," she said dreamily.

"Who?" I asked, being unable at the moment to think of anyone who fitted this description.

"The kids of course. What would Christmas be without them?"

"Wonderful," I said.

"Don't be Noel Coward, darling. I'm too tired. But Christmas is so much, so very much, their day. Boys are such self-conscious little bluffers. In spite of all this space-age stuff they love it just as much as Phoebe does."

"I have a hunch Christmas belongs to all of us," I said.

"I guess you're right, dear. There are no age barriers at Christmas time. And no matter how far or how fast we learn to travel it's something to which we'll always return; a day when we can forget jets and inflation and rockets and taxes; a kind of recess during which we can relax and be happy in the wonderful world of Santa Claus."

"And you know something, darling," she added, sitting up straighter on the sofa, "Christmas isn't really a *day* at all. It's a miracle, a once-a-year miracle that builds up slowly and comes to a peak on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day is only when the boys would call a re-entry—a re-entry into reality. It's Christmas *Eve* that counts when, for a few blessed hours, the world feels the brush of angels' wings."

I looked at her in surprise. Jane doesn't usually give vent to her emotions like this. We were both silent for a moment watching the tree lights. "Let's go to bed," I said finally. "They'll be up and jumping on us before we know it."

"Kiss me Merry Christmas," said Jane.

And I did. THE END

MOTHER AND CHILD

Over her face,
his eager fingers
Move like the flutterings
of a dove,
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the small hand lingers—
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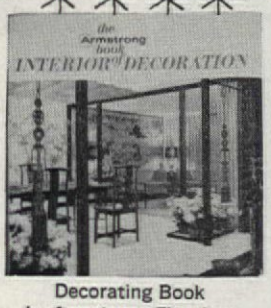
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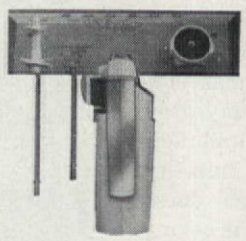
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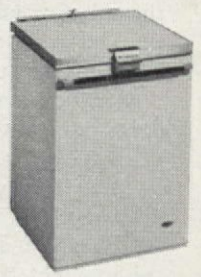
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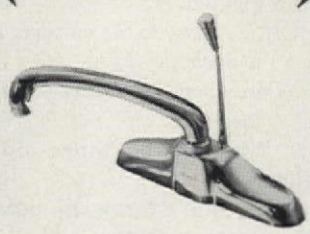
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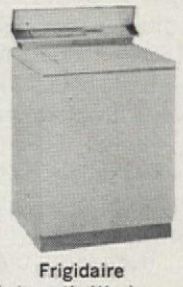
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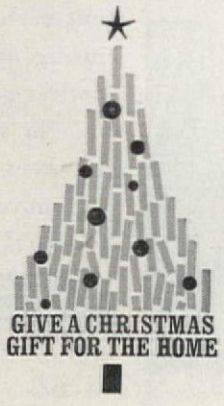
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Fred Rola



With a minimum of change and relatively little expense, the P. Whitney Webbs of Ridgefield, Connecticut, gave the exterior of their Victorian house a more up-to-date look. The roof of the large porch was removed. Then the columns were cut down to the height of the railing and topped with wood caps. The change resulted in a terrace effect. The whole house was painted a medium gray with sparkling white trim and jet-black shutters. Large white urns on either side of the double door hold evergreen bushes, and white pots filled with brilliant geraniums line up against the white railing.

Mr. Webb, an architect, has many plans for redoing the interior of the house—a remodeling enthusiast's dream. There are three floors containing 13 rooms, three baths, and a lavatory. In looking for a home the Webbs felt that a Victorian house would offer the space they wanted at a lower price than the more sought-after colonial house. This home on a stately street in Ridgefield fulfilled all their dreams.

CHANGE OF FACE AND MORE SPACE UPDATE A 55-YEAR-OLD HOME

Information: Jessie Walker Photographer: Kranzten Studios







An out-of-date old home looks like new *when the right make-up is applied. A new wide door, bay window, and shutters dressed up the original house. For the addition, the owners were able to match the existing clapboard. House is painted white with green trim. Interior photograph shows portion of addition.*

One of the most common problems with an old house is a too-tall appearance. This was the case with the Glenn Price home in Glenview, Illinois. Remodeling not only made the house appear closer to the ground, but provided a larger living room, a new breakfast room, and much improved kitchen facilities.

Built about 55 years ago, and occupied by Mrs. Price's family for many years, the clapboard home was purchased when the Prices returned to the town where Mrs. Price had spent her childhood. But it was ten years before the family decided to give the house a new exterior look and improve its interior.

First step was to plan an addition which added 12 feet to the living room. The end wall was removed and an "I" beam installed to support the second floor. This beam was covered by a new, lower ceiling which spans both new and old sections of the room. Outside, the addition was tied to the existing house by carrying the overhang across the entire front. The old porch was removed and new terracing was added. These steps helped to strengthen the horizontal line, and brought the house closer to the ground. A tall chimney, serving the new living room fireplace, protects the original house from down-draft sparks.

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Christmas Cards

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"phooey on your Christmas celebration and your children too." Norwegian is a lively language, so this suffers in translation. But our former friends understood it without difficulty.

We told the fellow who gave us the phrase what we thought of his joke. His pained expression was touching to behold. It seems he couldn't believe we were actually making our own cards and thought we were ribbing him, so he ribbed us in return. *He* considered the entire episode hilarious. We tried hard to smile.

Last year, rather than endure further strained relations with friends, we decided to play completely safe. We drew a big cartoon of the two of us with our cat Oliver, one of us playing the accordion, one dancing a jig, and Oliver beating a drum. It was a stirring piece of draftsmanship, with us in Santa Claus outfits and Oliver wearing a ribbon, swinging a drum stick with his tail. The message was brief and to the point: "Christmas cheer from Pat, Les, and Oliver."

But, as we might have guessed, the results left something to be desired.

Replies arrived even before Christmas, and from people we had not heard from in years. "What a joy little Oliver must be to you," read one note. "Children are such a blessing."

"Congratulations," wrote a family friend whose eyesight was 20/20 when we had last seen her. "Why didn't you tell me you were expecting? And how are the proud grandparents?"

Another note said, "Write when you have time, but we understand how busy little Oliver must keep you."

In addition, we were bombarded with knitted shawls, bootees, and gadgets for keeping little ones amused, stuffed, or quiet. Although the bootees fit Oliver, he did not much care for them, and he drew the line at wearing a bonnet. The rest of the gifts, except the rattles, were a total loss.

As things stand, we cannot be sure how many people believe that our bewhiskered friend is human, human and *ours*. As a result, our correspondence has been severely curtailed. What would you say to someone who thought a cat was your offspring? Oliver is handsome it is true, but a cat is, after all, a cat. We are not hypersensitive, but there is a limit.

So self-expression be hanged. This year we plan to send the safe, sane store-type cards and preserve our few remaining friendships. We don't intend to select our cards until mid-December. There is no need to rush, no urgency driving us now. Our list is not as extensive as it once was, say three years ago. Fifty-five cards shouldn't take too long to address and stamp.

As for Oliver, from now on he is on his own. He can send his own cards, even make them himself for all we care. They might even turn out to be the cat's meow—which is more than anyone ever said about ours! THE END

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Language of Flowers

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If you wish to suggest eloping, toss a bouquet of Jacob's ladder into the window. If the young lady is in agreement, the bouquet is tossed back again, intact. If not, flowers may be stripped before returning the nosegay, although letting it down on the end of a string, reversed, is a gentle and very proper way of saying "No."

To send felicitations on a wedding anniversary, the tenth, for example, take a nice old container and place in it ten red roses for love, sweet basil for good wishes, red dianthus "Bravo," as well as Boston or sword ferns (enchantment) and some form of everlasting flower such as statice.

For the arrival of a new baby, send red rosebuds, white baby's breath, and polypody ferns. You are saying "Cheers on the birth of your baby!"

Here is a list of certain flowers and their meanings which you may find useful in sending your own messages:

Cosmos . . . Neatness, orderliness
Red tulip . . . . . .I love you
(with a black center, preferably)
Apple . . . . . Temptation
Chickweed . . . . . .Rendezvous!
Pansy . . . You occupy my thoughts
Mulberry. . . . . .Wisdom
Helenium (Sneezeweed) . . . Tears
Chervil . . . . . Sincerity
Azalea . . . . . Temperance
Boxwood . . . . . Stoicism
A white rose . . . . . Secrecy
(or a rose placed over two buds)

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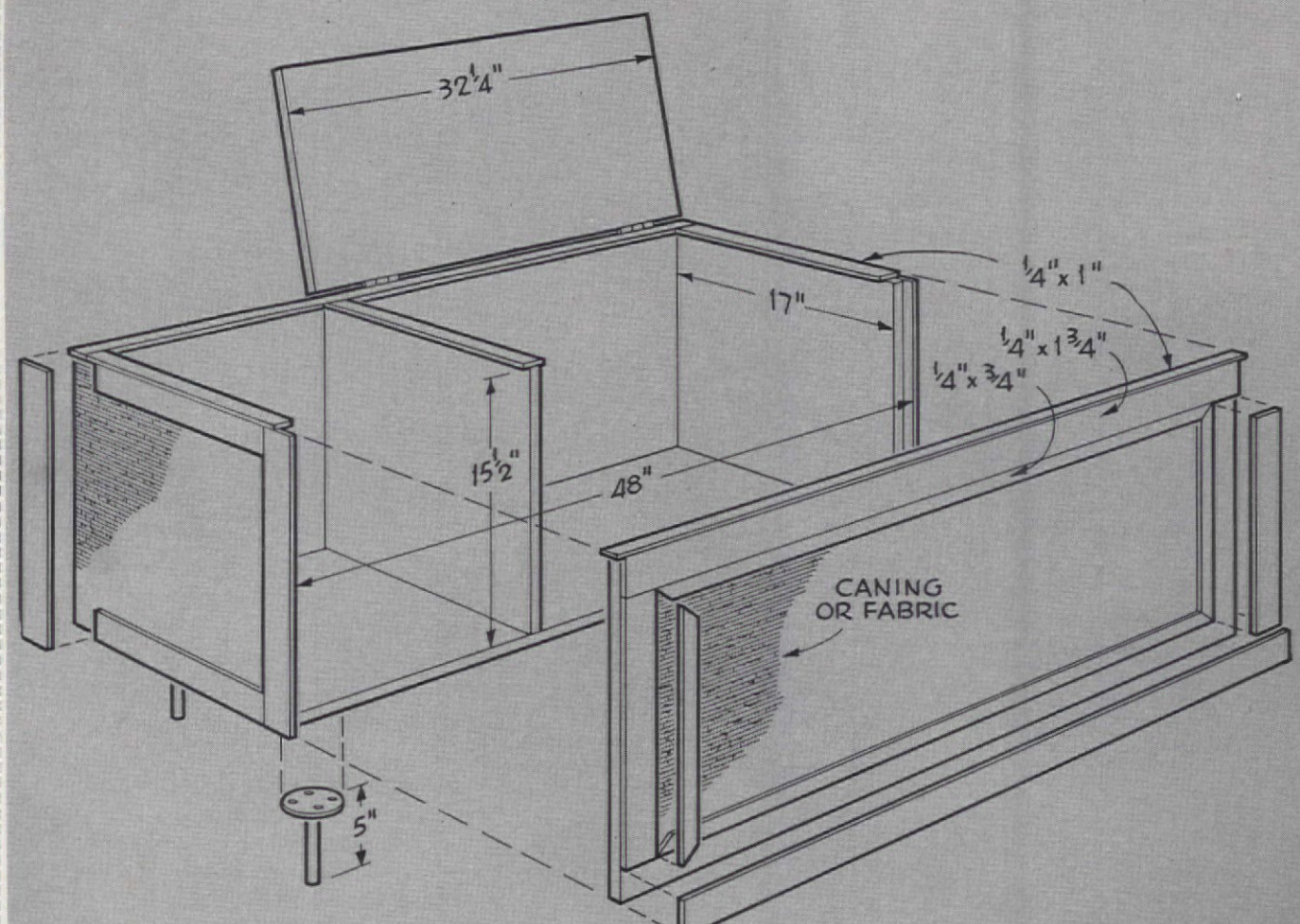
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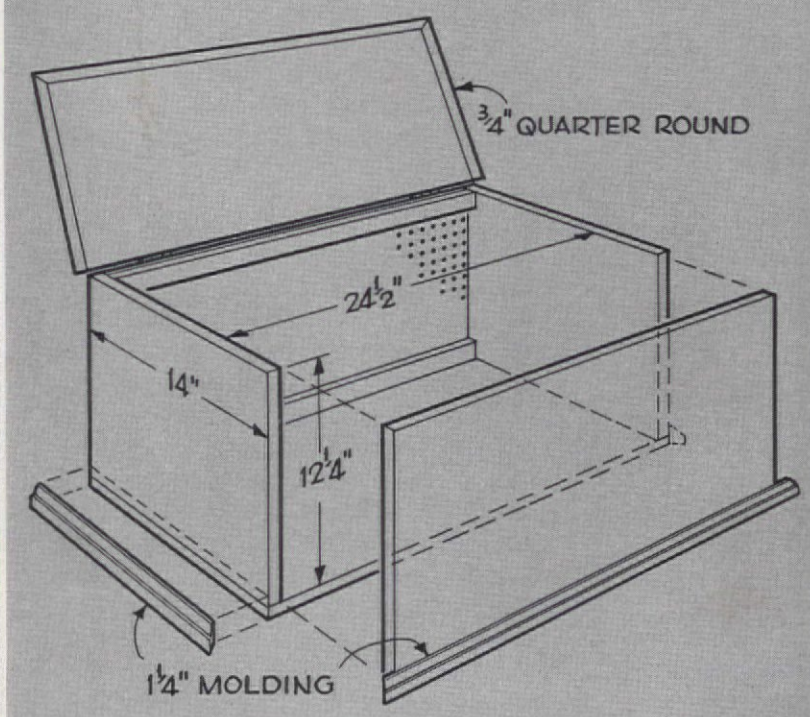


MODERN AND TEXTURED

Application of caning or fabric turns a well designed but plain box into a highly decorative piece. As it appears on page 32, caning was glued to sides and red felt to lid. Construction is quite simple. Only four angled cuts have to be made—at interior molding corners. All other cuts are straight. Stock for main portion of box is ½" plywood. Molding is as shown in sketch. Metal legs 5" high are correct from design standpoint. They can be purchased with mount and screws. Measurements shown here are for box as photographed. You can lengthen or widen the box, but adding more height may make boot storage awkward for young children. To air closed portion of box, bore a dozen ⅜" holes evenly about ½-1½" from the bottom of back panel.

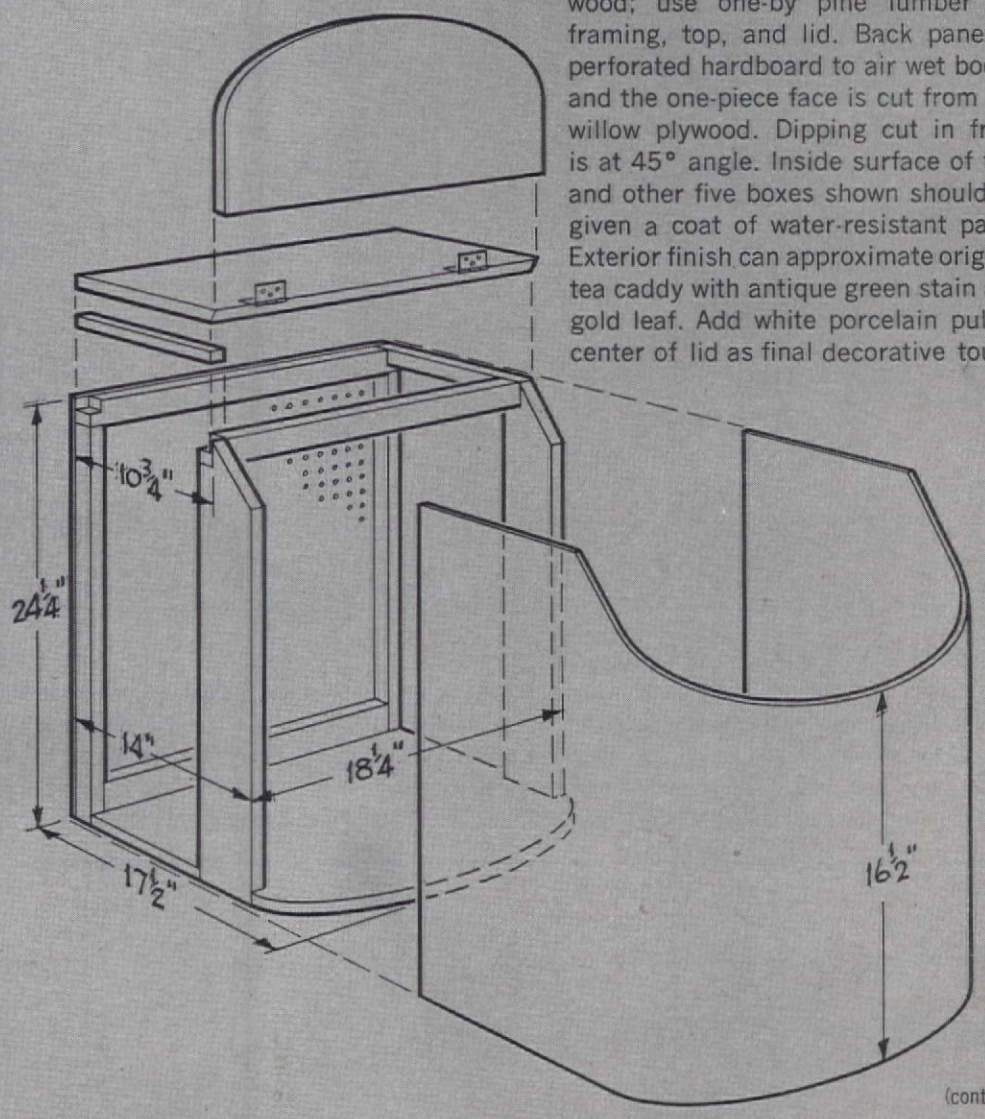
OLD TEA CADDY MODEL

Box in upper left of photo on page 32 is a genuine metal tea caddy used in old-time general stores. Many antique shops have them for sale. If you prefer to make your own, the sketch below shows you how. Make base of ½" plywood; use one-by pine lumber for framing, top, and lid. Back panel is perforated hardboard to air wet boots, and the one-piece face is cut from ⅛" willow plywood. Dipping cut in front is at 45° angle. Inside surface of this and other five boxes shown should be given a coat of water-resistant paint. Exterior finish can approximate original tea caddy with antique green stain and gold leaf. Add white porcelain pull to center of lid as final decorative touch.



LETTERED BOX IS EASY TO MAKE

Five sides, a lid, and some molding—what could be simpler. Assembling this box shouldn't take more than one evening. All stock is ½" plywood except the back which is perforated hardboard. Toe molding is same trim used over baseboard in many homes. Lid gets ¾" quarter round as trim on three sides. This box, second from left in picture on page 32, was covered with the classified advertising section of a local newspaper. The gold letters spelling BOOTS can be found in many antique shops, and copies of them are often sold in hardware stores.

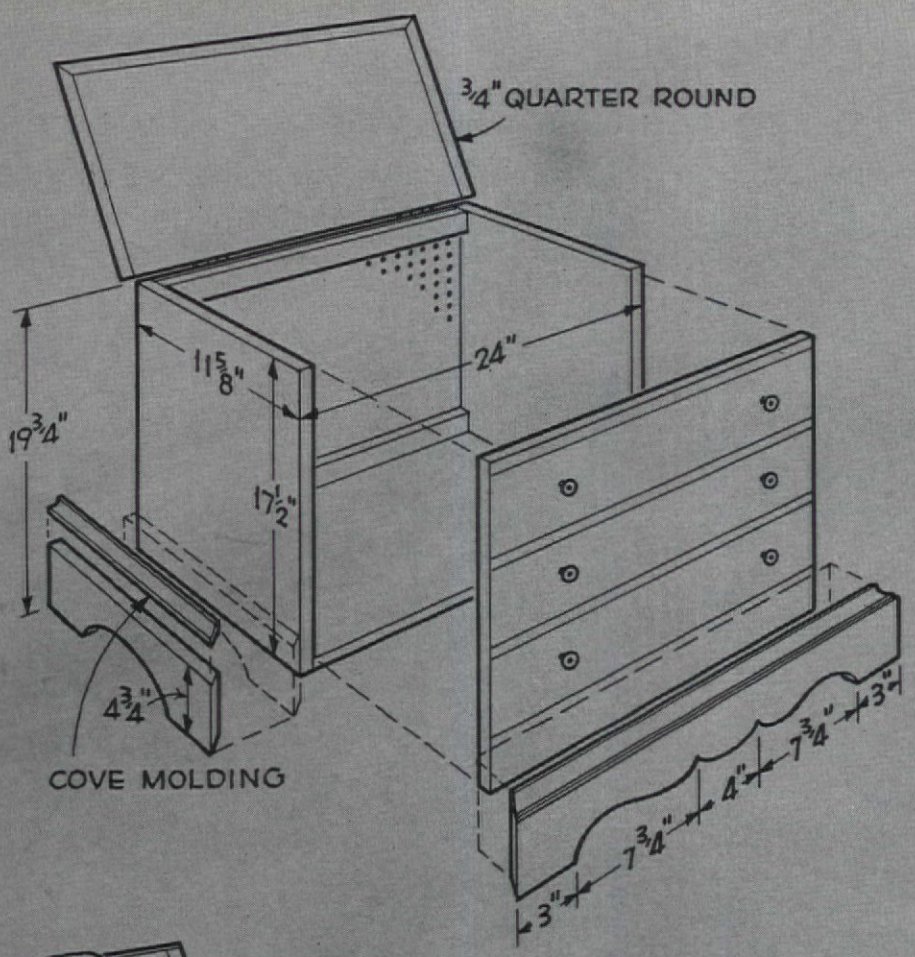


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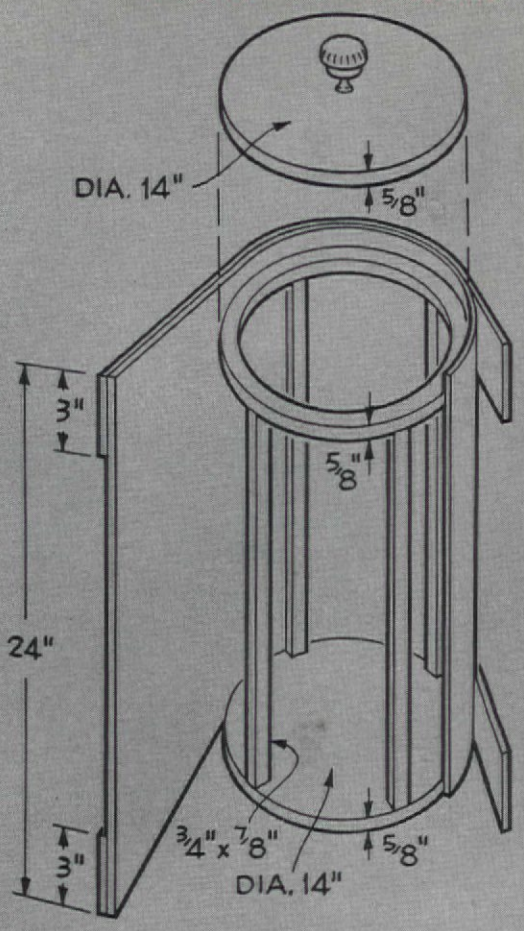
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BOX WITH FRANKLY FAKE DRAWERS

Looking all the world like a pine chest, this simple box can be made of glued-up wide pine boards that come in 24″ widths. Back is perforated board. The drawer effect is achieved by making shallow saw cuts with a circular saw, or by scoring the wood with a chisel. The rough edges of the top are concealed by ¾″ quarter round trim, and cove molding finishes off the attached base. We gave an antique effect by making a few random holes with an eight-penny nail and scratching the surface here and there with old scissors. We then wiped on a coat of linseed oil and followed this with a coat of linseed oil with burnt umber mixed in. The burnt umber fills the holes with a color darker than the surrounding surface, giving the antique worm-eaten effect.

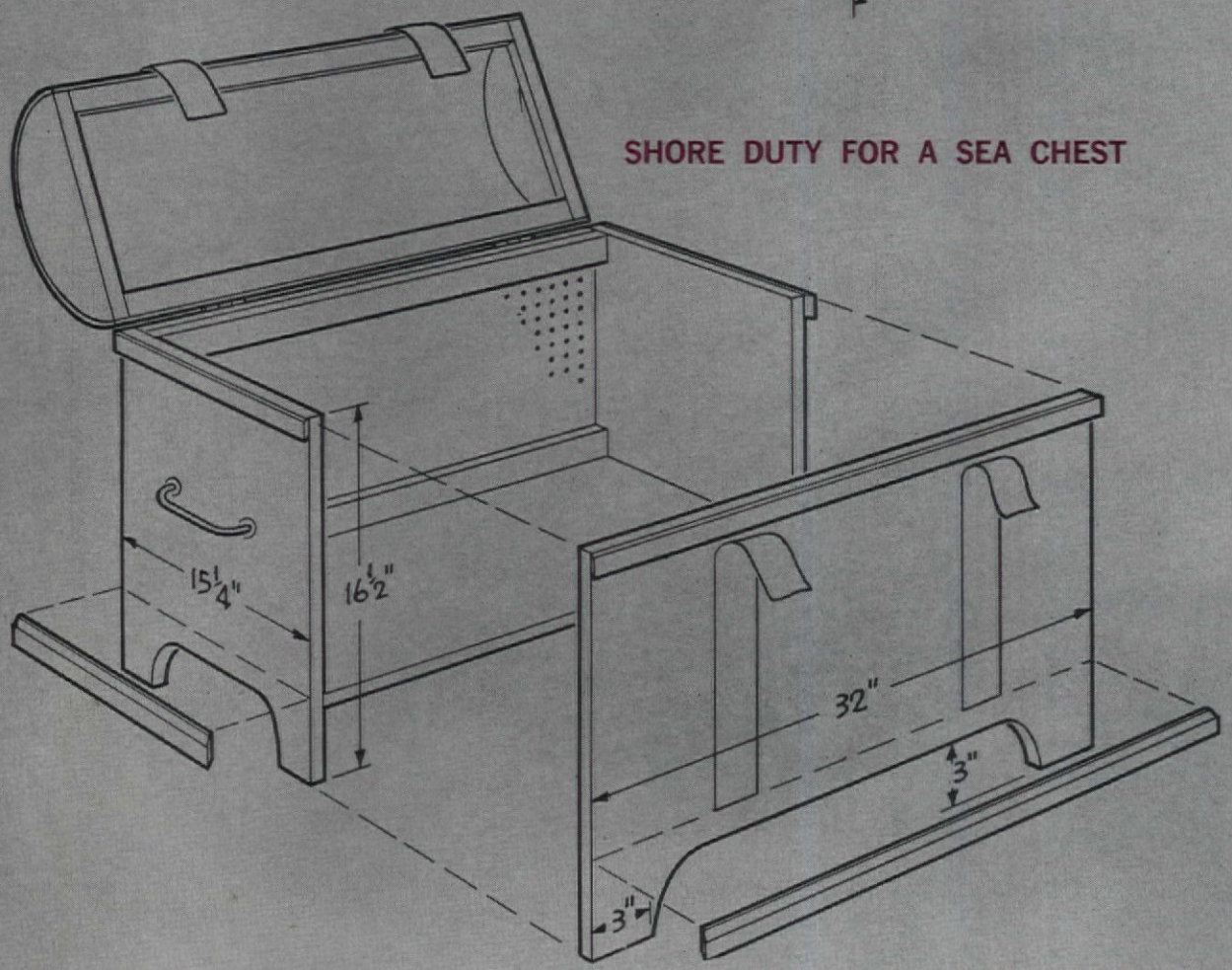


BOOTS IN THE ROUND



More difficult to make than the other boxes shown, this tubular container is made of ⅛″ willow plywood wrapped around a circular base and top. If you don't have a band saw of your own, the easiest thing would be to have your lumberyard cut these two pieces as well as the lid. These pieces can be of solid wood, but plywood will offer more strength with less chance of splitting. When applying the willow cover and trim pieces, it is wise to use glue as well as nails so that a strong bond is made with the circular forms. Any print can be glued to the surface and either left unfinished or treated with a coat of shellac. Top lid with knob.

SHORE DUTY FOR A SEA CHEST

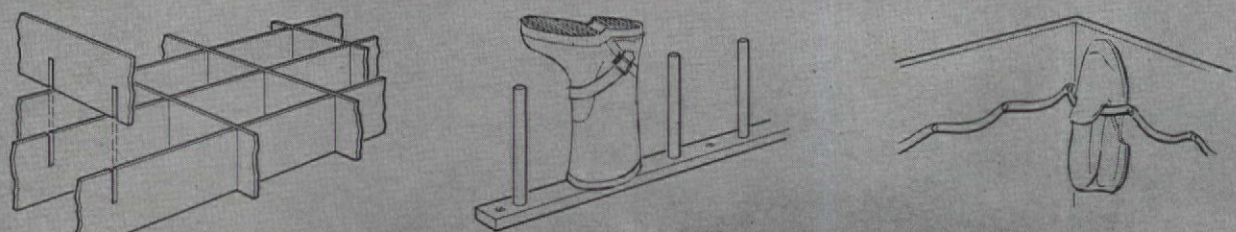


Fir plywood forms the front, sides, and bottom of this handsome chest. The perforated back permits air to circulate through the box to aid in drying wet boots, and a plastic or aluminum foil covering on the bottom protects the wood from water. The curved top is ⅛″ willow plywood bent over 1″ thick pine end boards cut to the desired shape. Nailing molding strips around the top and the bottom, and the installation of hinges and handles complete the construction. Painting inside and out, the application of a print wallpaper, leather belting, and a big key add the decorative touch.

MORE DECORATIVE IDEAS

Dozens of coverings can substitute for those we've used. For instance, cover the round box above with red felt, paint the straps blue, and glue white canvas to the top and bottom. Voilà! A drum. Or use an antique finish on the sea chest with a golden eagle motif on top. The contemporary piece on the previous page would look equally smart with fabric, expanded metal, leather, or adhesive-backed plastic, and you have a whole range of colors to experiment with. Then, too, on any of the boxes, it would be a simple matter to match the wallpaper in your hall. Or, replace the porcelain pulls with ones of brass or bronze; substitute the knob on the round box with drumsticks. In short, let your imagination wander where it will.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ORDERLY STORAGE INSIDE

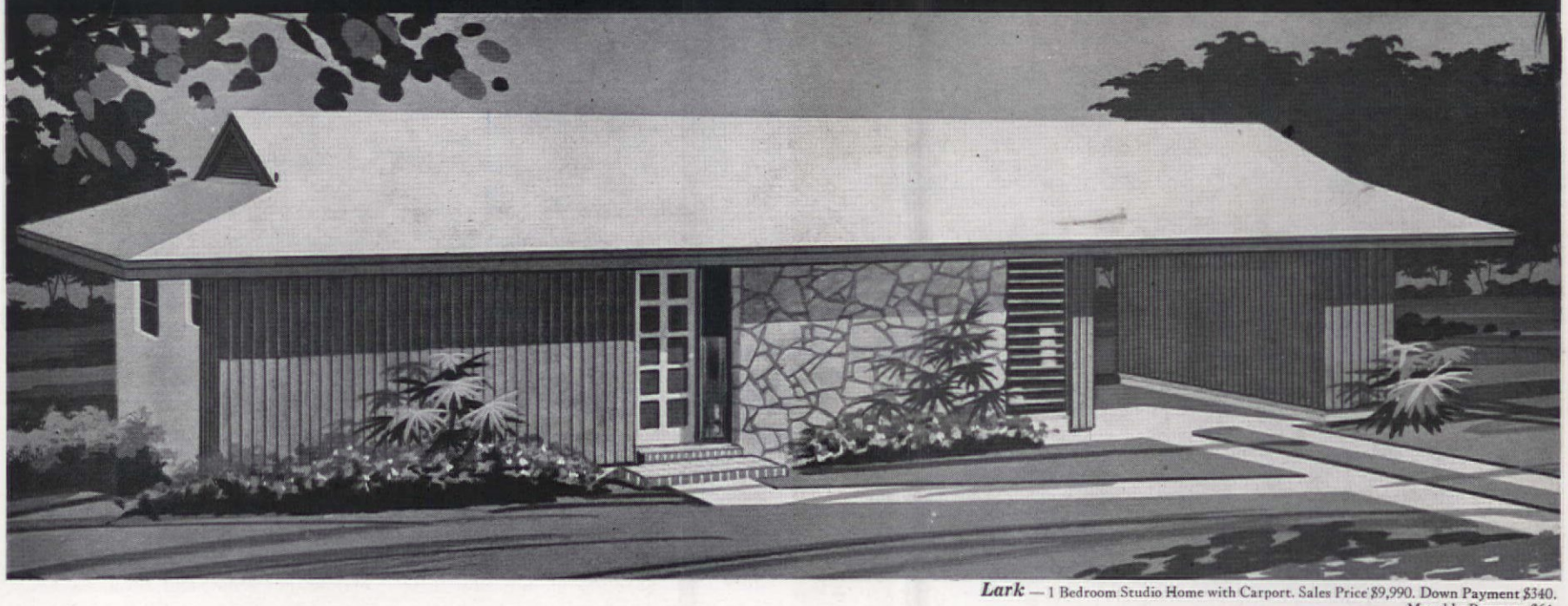


Egg crate separators can be made of ¼″ plywood; should be large enough to take a pair of boots or galoshes. The pegs for boots are 1″ dowels set in 1x2″ strips; good for draining wet boots. Another idea is to tack or staple a strip of heavy rubber to the side. There are also manufactured boot and overshoe hooks that you can buy at a hardware or houseware's store.

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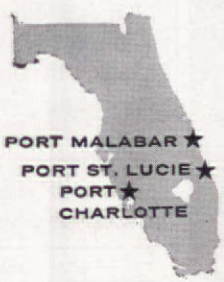


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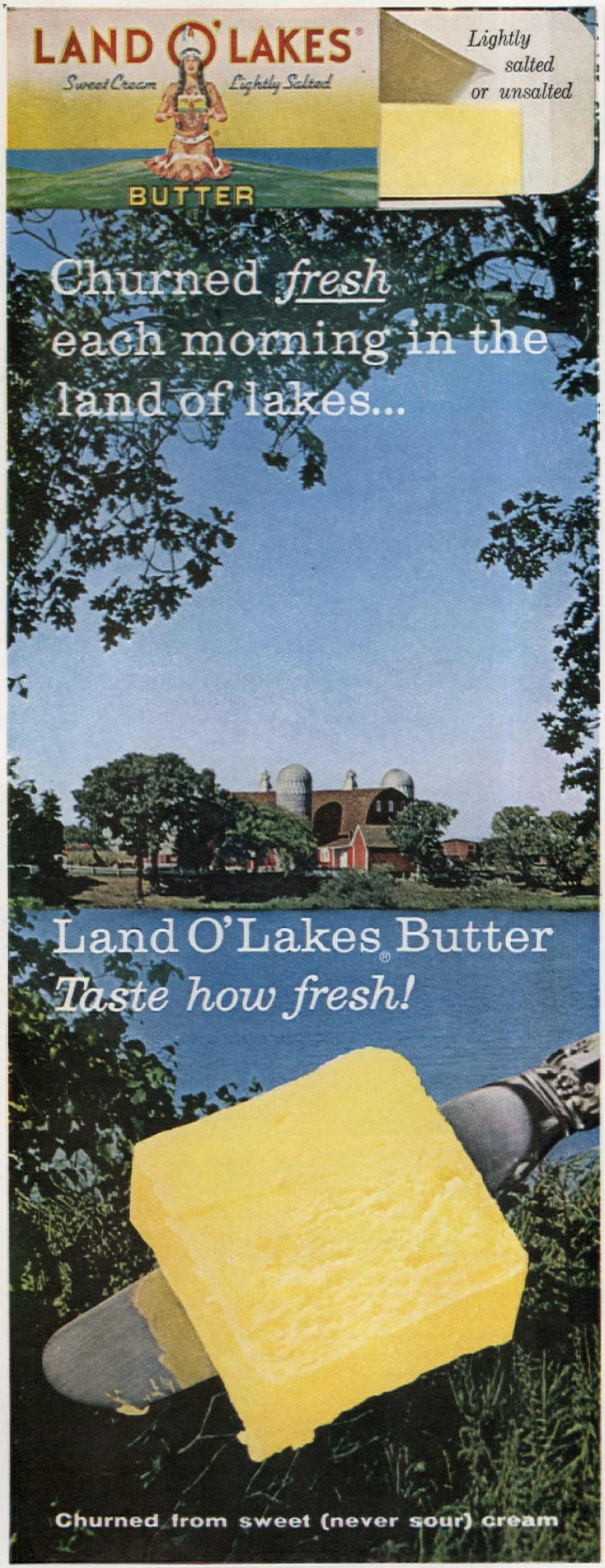
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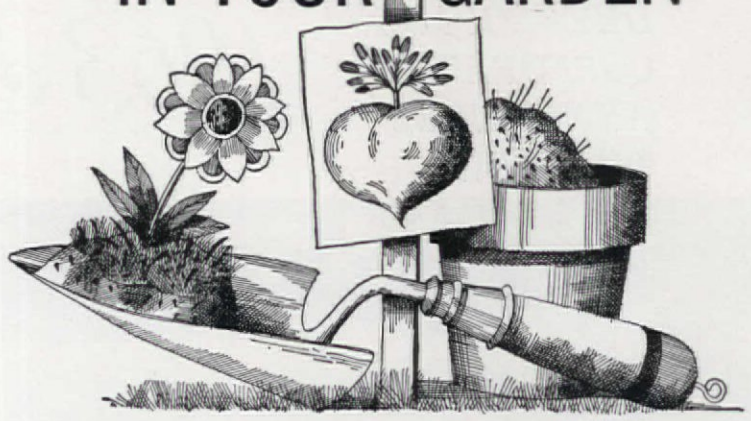
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IN YOUR GARDEN



Choose evergreen hollies for ideal landscape effects

Southern gardeners are often unaware of the wealth of broadleaf evergreens at their disposal for landscape use. At this season of the year it's appropriate to discuss the many hollies available for practically every landscaping need.

The Ilex cornuta group (Chinese or horned holly—Zones 7b-10a*) has attractive glossy green foliage with red berries and is excellent for use during the Christmas season. The larger forms, including the variety 'Burford,' will provide an abundance of berried foliage for wreaths and other decorations for Christmas. These massive shrubs usually grow to 20′ throughout the South.

There are also many new forms of Chinese holly. Ilex cornuta rotunda, a low mounding plant which seldom grows over 4′ in height, is a very attractive, compact shrub. It doesn't fruit, but is ideal in foundation plantings where its large, textured leaf is especially striking. Within the next year we'll see a dwarf 'Burford' holly on the market. This, too, will be a good foundation plant, ultimately reaching 6′ in height.

The variety 'Shangri-La' has typical spiny leaves and is noted for its large berries. It makes a massive plant for a background or border.

Three additional new Ilex cornuta varieties are being released shortly. 'Cartwright's Compacta' is very similar to 'Burford' but is of more compact growth and intermediate in size between the common 'Burford' and the new dwarf form. 'Cornuta Spiny' is a spiny-leafed cornuta variety, with smaller foliage than typical cornuta plants. This variety has compact growth and is a good producer of berries. 'Cornuta Willowleaf' has long narrow leaves, grows into broad, conical shape, and fruits heavily.

Among Japanese hollies (Ilex crenata—Zones 6b-9), which bear black berries, there are several spreading types. 'Foster's Spreading No. 1' and 'Foster's Spreading No. 2' are two of the best low-growing forms. 'Heller' holly (Ilex crenata helleri) is a very good, low, compact, mounding shrub, seldom over 2′ high. A new variety that is being used frequently in the South is 'Stokes,' which has a more rounded form than 'Heller.'

The variety 'Hetz' is a relatively fast-growing crenata with a leaf similar to that of the common convex or boxleaf holly (I. c. convexa or bullata). It's ideal for hedges or mass plantings and is more resistant to red spider than some of the other cupleaf Japanese hollies. The variety 'Glass' is a small-leaf Japanese holly, upright in form, and fine for sheared hedges and for screening purposes. Ilex crenata rotundifolia (I. c. latifolia) is used for foundations where a plant of 6′ or more can be utilized.

A native of the South is yaupon holly (Ilex vomitoria—Zones 7b-9), an ideal landscape plant. Typically a large shrub or small tree, it is more frequently seen in the South as a screen planting, though it is also excellent for hedges. We can use it in street tree plantings and for small specimen trees if it's trained as a standard. The dwarf yaupon is a first-rate plant, though it usually does not bear fruit. You'll find it a very dense, compact grower, ideal for foundation plantings. Its gray-green foliage is delightful and it is more drought-resistant than the crenata hollies. The two weeping forms of yaupon, both in male and female plants, are lovely when used on patios and as facing plants against a wall.

English hollies (Ilex aquifolium—Zones 7-9a) are not recommended throughout the South because of their slow growth and dislike of our hot summer sun. Their dark wavy green foliage and their many variegated forms do, however, make them desirable. If used, provide a good organic soil and place in an area protected from the summer sun.

American hollies (Ilex opaca—Zones 6-10) ultimately grow into large trees and are available in many varieties recommended for the entire South. Three of the most popular are 'Croonenburg,' 'Big Red,' and 'Old Heavy Berry.' Three varieties whose leaves are almost spineless are 'Taber No. 3,' 'Savannah,' and 'Hume No. 2.'

* Zones refer to the Plant Hardiness Zone Map and Plant Lists in *The American Home*, January, 1962, now available as a booklet at 50c.

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The tent-type hood is easily made by tearing off a piece of aluminum foil 4–5 inches longer than the turkey, and creasing it lengthwise through the center. The prepared fowl, greased with oil, butter, or margarine, is placed on a V-shape rack breast-side down or up, as you prefer, and the foil is set tent-style over the turkey. Pinch the foil lightly at the drumsticks and breast to anchor. If the legs or the top of the breast begin to brown too rapidly, the foil tent can be pressed down over these parts to prevent further browning.

The American Home Kitchens suggest rubbing the cavity with ½ to 1½ teaspoons of salt, then stuffing loosely to avoid a soggy, compact dressing. Do not stuff the turkey until time to roast it. Stuffing a turkey and refrigerating or freezing it at home is not recommended.

If a meat thermometer is used, insert it through the foil so that the bulb rests in the center of either the inside thigh muscle adjoining the body cavity, or into thick part of the breast. Slide the roasting pan into a preheated 325° F. oven. Again, remember there is no need to sear, baste, or add water. Turkey is done when meat at thickest part of drumstick feels very soft when pressed between protected fingers or when meat thermometer reads 190° F.

Roast according to the following time chart:

Purchased ready-to-cook weight	Approximate total time for stuffed turkeys*
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Cook sausage meat in large skillet over medium heat, breaking meat up with fork as it cooks; drain. Combine all remaining ingredients, except stock, with sausage meat in large bowl; toss lightly to mix. Add only enough stock to moisten stuffing lightly. Sufficient to stuff neck and body cavities of a 20-pound turkey.





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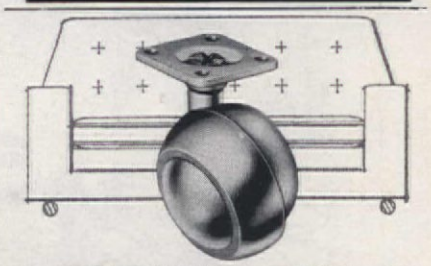
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LITTLE MISS WEARYBONES will have her own resting place if you get her this adaptation of an antique folding chair. Pretty enough for living room or nursery, it is solid walnut with brass hardware and a flowered tapestry seat. A doting grandmother could unfold it for visiting youngsters. 21½″ high overall. $10.95. Casual Crafts, Dept. AH-12, Statesville, N.C.

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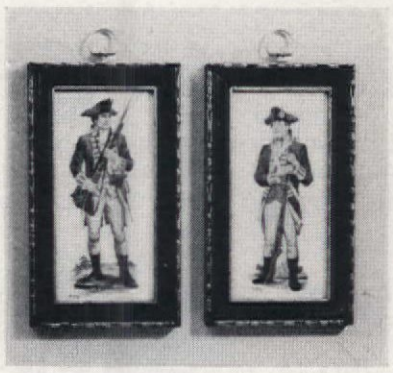




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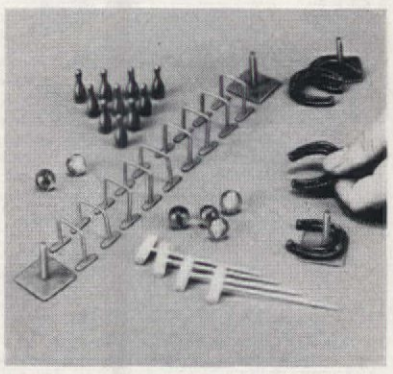




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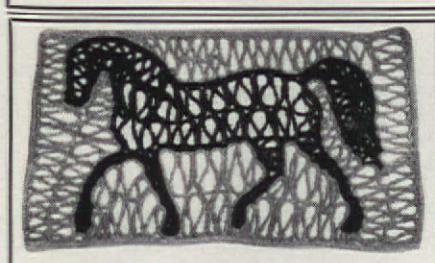
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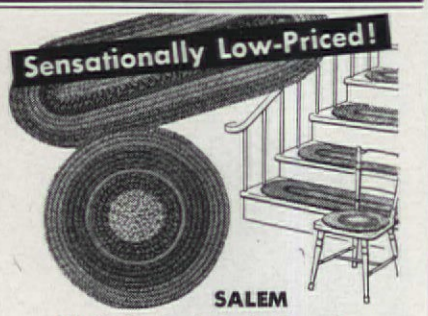
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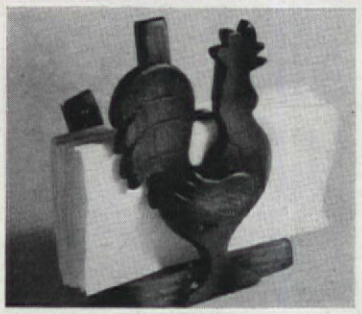
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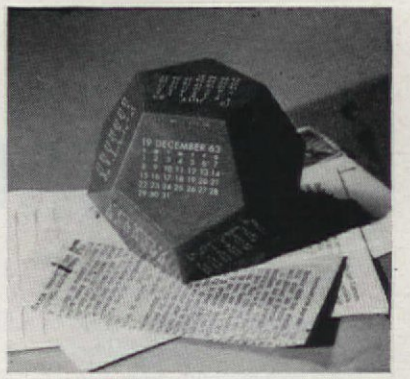
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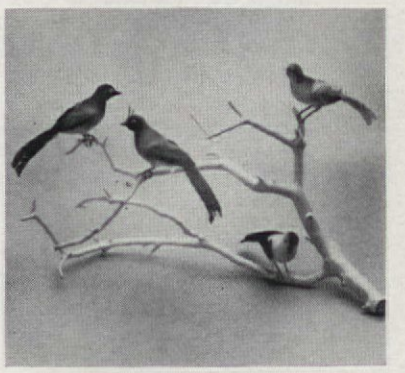
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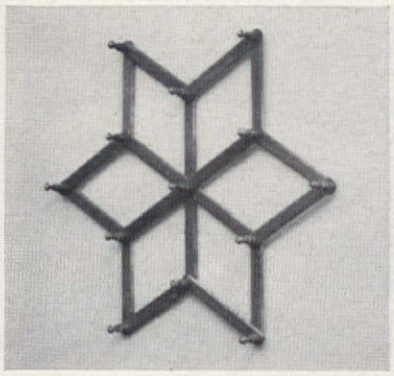
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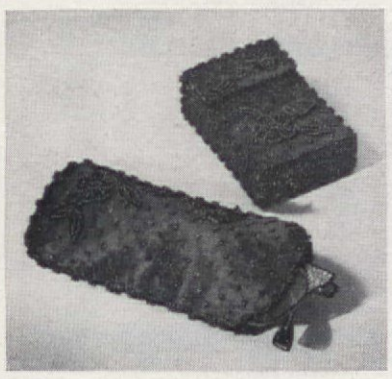
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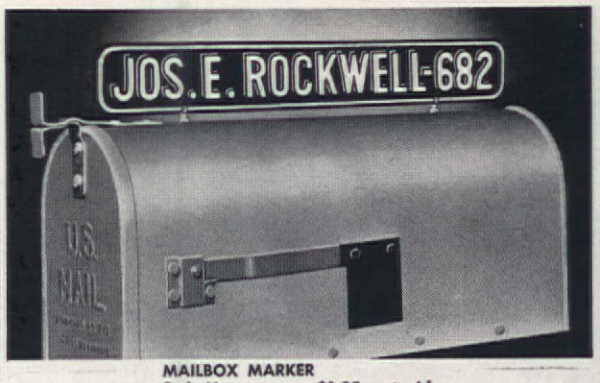
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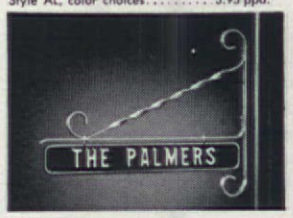
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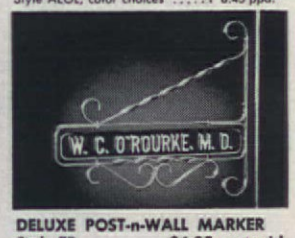
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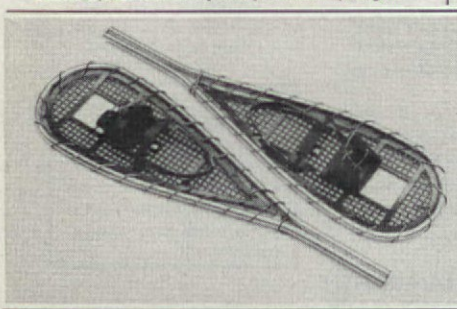
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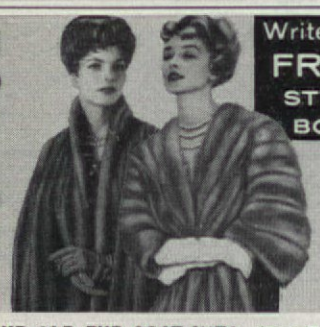


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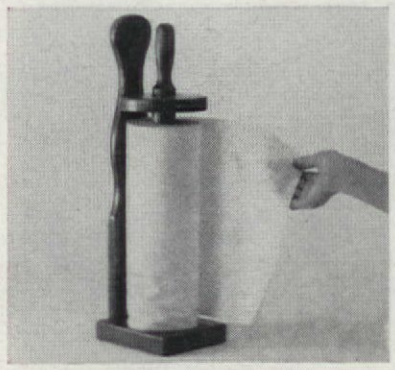
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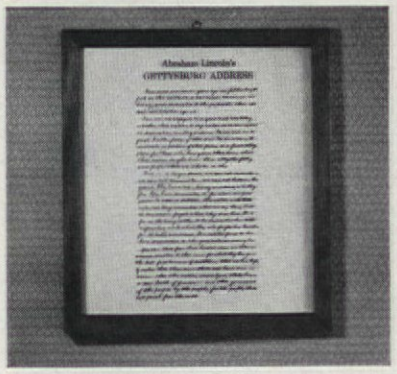
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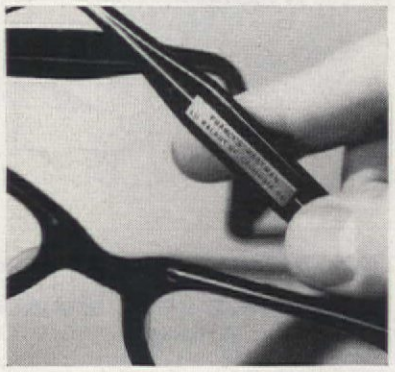
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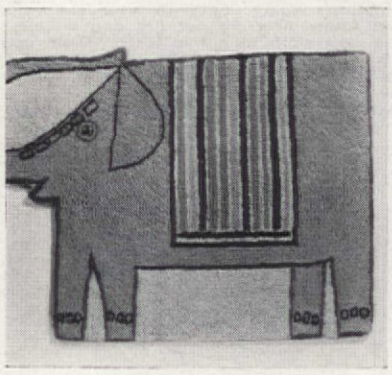
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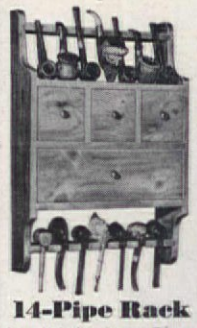


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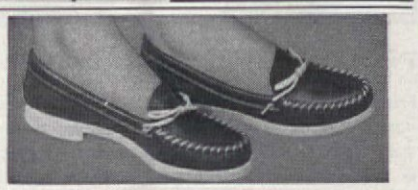
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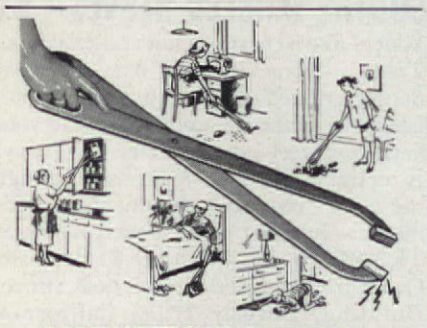
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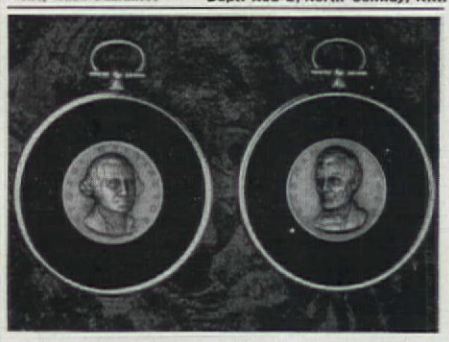
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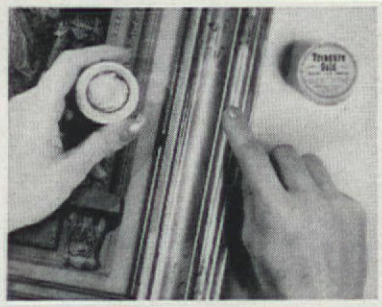
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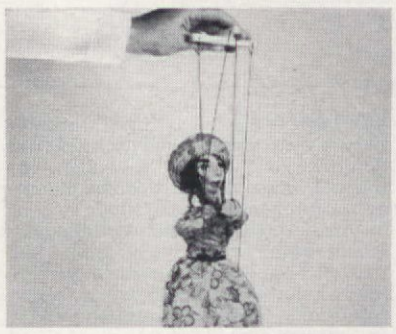
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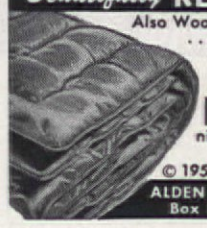
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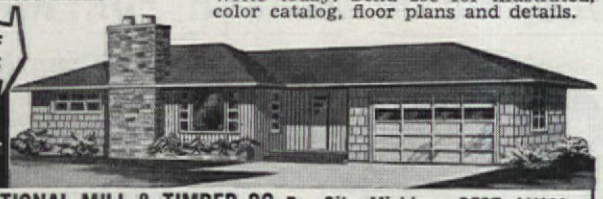
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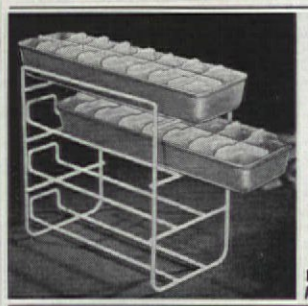
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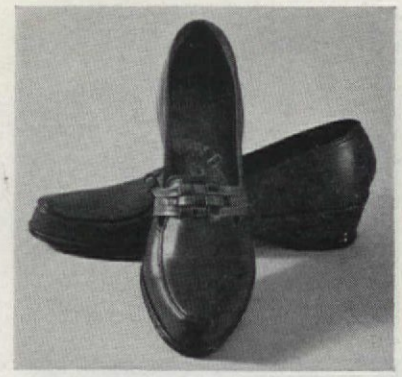
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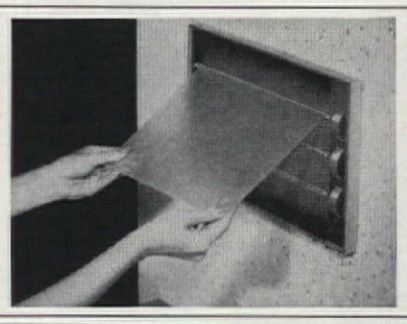


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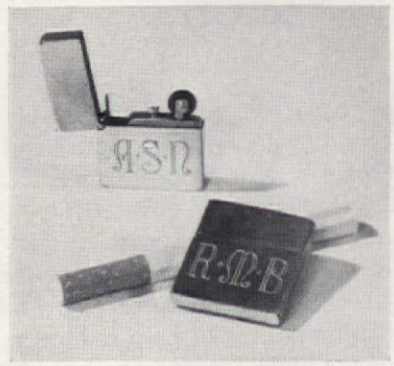
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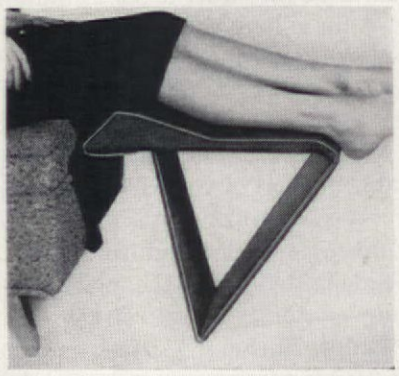
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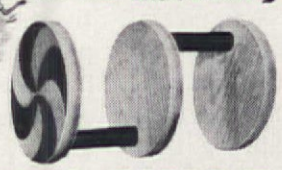
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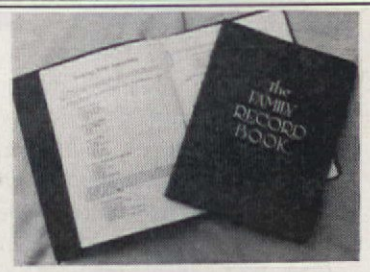
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LOOKING AT COLOR TELEVISION: If you've been waiting to make a "yes" or "no" decision, you might be interested to know that there are now over 100 different models of color television to choose from. They are made by 13 different manufacturers. You could select an RCA table model for under $500, which is about rock bottom as far as price is concerned. Checking with NBC we find that their network stations are equipped so that 98% of American homes now looking at black and white could receive color if they owned a set—and two-thirds of their nighttime programing is in color. This all sounds pretty good when you consider that the first broadcast in color (the Pasadena Tournament of Roses) was just nine years ago.

WHY NOT BUILD HOUSES LIKE CARS? A Purdue engineering graduate, John Slayter, has stopped asking this question and started building them. Homes completely finished, inside and out, shipped in sections to the site by truck or rail, are now rolling off the assembly line at his plant, Building Components Research, Inc., Newark, Ohio. For a buyer it means this: order today, and move into your new home within the week. At present, the production model is a colonial type, completely heated and air conditioned, insulated far beyond today's minimums, with 1080 sq. ft. of living area and an equipped kitchen. Cost: $10,000 at the loading dock. When shipping, site assembly and the lot are included, the price should still be about $14,000. As the production line is perfected and shipments increase, the price is expected to be even lower.

MORE ON TOY PRICES: We've mentioned before (October) that the story of toy prices seems somewhat clouded, and so we were interested to see the manner in which it is solved by the Toy Guidance Council in their TOY SHOPPERS' ANNUAL GUIDE, a directory of "Educator Approved" toys which is now on newsstands. Recognizing the fact that the prices of widely advertised toys may vary beyond 35%, they take the "Manufacturer's Suggested List" price as the probable highest price, and then estimate the lowest probable price at which the toy might be offered, and compute the *average* price. The toy is then listed in a group for which the "Average" price is given—as well as the estimated high and low prices for toys in that group. At least this gives the shopper some yardstick against which to measure prices in the toy department! This book, by the way, is one of the greatest guides we've seen for buying toys.

THE CURVED LINE OF EFFICIENCY: Just about every home owner today uses a power lawn mower, and more and more are using power cultivators, sweepers, snow removers, and other outdoor equipment. So Jacobsen Mfg. Co., makers of such equipment at Racine, Wis., have come up with the idea of designing gardens with power tools specifically in mind. They've tied up with a landscape architect, a builder, and a nurseryman to design, install, and promote minimum-maintenance landscaping that's really geared to the times. Some of the features of their time- and labor-saving model garden, located in metropolitan New Jersey, are: No corners—all lawn edges curved to speed up mowing and eliminate push-and-pull operation. All paved surfaces flush with lawn for easy mowing and movement of equipment. Brick mowing strips around lawn wherever it meets plant beds, walls, fences, foundations. No mowing around trees; all trees surrounded by plant beds or groundcover plantings bounded by mowing strips. No grass in hard-to-get-at places; groundcovers used instead. All paths paved or gravel-covered; steel curbing separating gravel from grass. Enough outdoor electric outlets for easy use of electric equipment. All such features, as you can probably anticipate, will help reduce garden maintenance a little closer to a true minimum! Think of it these long winter evenings as you plan next year's garden.

A QUICK SNACK FROM YOUR AIR CONDITIONER! Have you ever become quite comfortable in front of your TV and suddenly wished for a cold drink? If it is a chore to dislodge yourself and plod out to the kitchen you'll be delighted with the new Emerson Kool-Mate—a combination refrigerator and air conditioner. This new "space age" marvel is a big room air conditioner fully certified by the National Electrical Manufacturers' Association plus a compact refrigerator. You can have ice cubes, cold drinks, and snacks as close as your window. The attractive Kool-Mate installed in home, office, or an efficiency apartment offers convenience and pleasure the year round. The price is approximately $279.

STRINGING UP THE LIGHTS: Another minor irritation seems on the way out of the tree-trimming scene. You know how hard it is to get the string of lights set—and have the lights where you want them? Well, socketless bulbs are now being sold. Each bulb is constructed to be hung directly on any electric extension cord—*at any spot you wish.* A removable cap at the head of the bulb unscrews, the cord fits into the slotted head, and the cap is fastened back on. Called "Hy-Lites," they are available in round Rainbow bulbs or star-shaped Twinkle bulbs, separately or with cords. They can be used indoors or out.

POISON PERIL REDUCED: The hard-to-believe fact that over 600,000 children were poisoned last year by ordinary bathroom cabinet supplies they innocently swallowed stirred the industry to do something. Now you can buy medicine cabinets with locks. These locks require no key; can be opened with one hand by an adult, but cannot be opened by a young child. Cost: a few additional dollars for a single cabinet; more for a double cabinet. All major manufacturers are now producing them. For further information write the Medicine Cabinet Manufacturers Council, 1145 19th St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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